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• TIM WHITE discusses his Victorian team on page 4.



Broken leg may mean end of Dunne's career

A badly broken right leg may have ended the career of Brisbane City's Irish international Jimmy Dunne. Dunne (pictured top left), formerly of Victoria State League club Ajax, broke his leg during Brisbane City's 0-2 loss to Footscray J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve.

He is pictured on a stretcher (above), being attended to by referee Jim Fearn.

J.U.S.T., under new coach Peter Jakos, won its second successive game to move further up the ladder. Adelaide City, also under a new coach, John Perin, won only its second game of the season by beating Wollongong 3-0.

Charlie Villani is pictured at right, rising above Wollongong's Phil O'Connor.

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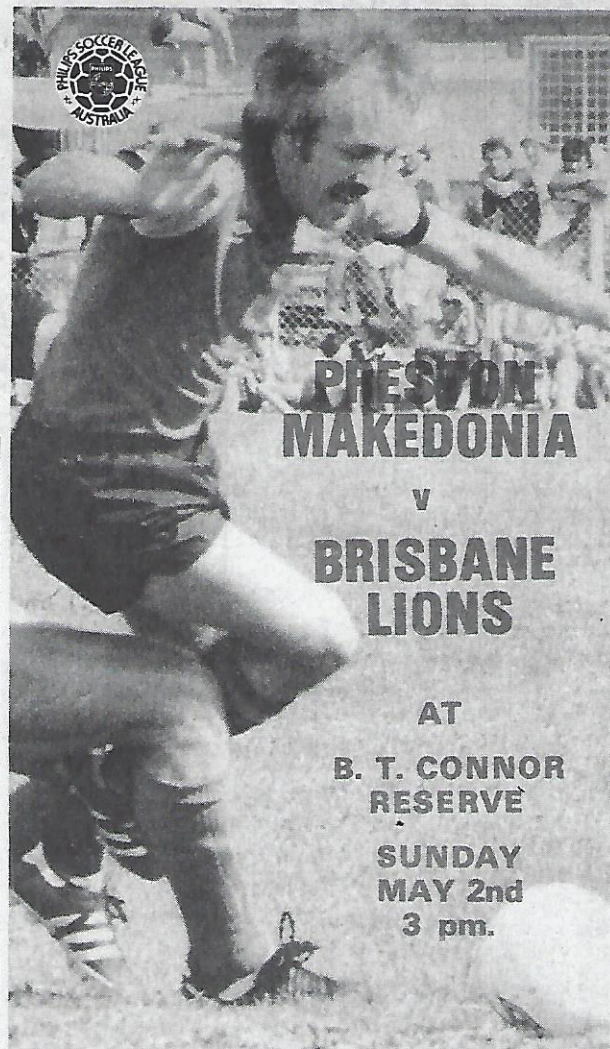
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George Murray, 39, made an immediate impact on PSL coaching when he took Canberra City to its highest position — fifth — last year, after arriving from Scotland. He was a professional player there for 14 years, with Motherwell and Aberdeen.

For six years he was player-coach and non-playing coach at Aberdeen under managers Ally McLeod and Jim Bothwell, and he coached Odd Bolklub in Norway for two years, taking it from fourth-last to fourth from the top.

After Canberra City's amalgamation with Downer Olympic this year, Murray spent wisely on top-class recruits like Gary Byrne, Paul Ontong and George Christopoulos and despite early setbacks due to injuries, Canberra is poised now to storm up the table.

Murray talks about his team and soccer in general in this interview with LAURIE SCHWAB.

SCHWAB: When you first evaluated your team after arriving from Scotland early last year, what did you think you had to change?

MURRAY: I felt the players were better than their league performances would have indicated, and I quickly let them know that while I was prepared to be friendly, they would do things my way. I had no trouble in that regard at all. They were a great bunch to train. But consistency was lacking. They were capable of playing hard for 20 or 30 minutes, but then they'd disappear. So the emphasis at first was on very hard training.

SCHWAB: Did you change their style of play?

MURRAY: Well, I quickly made Tony Brennan a permanent part of the team. He had been in and out before that. I also took Terry Byrne out of the forward line and made him the sweeper. He would be first to admit that the move has been successful and that the defence has tightened up.

SCHWAB: The recruits also contributed heavily to the team's improvement.

MURRAY: I brought John Moutsopoulos out of the youth team and he showed me he could play well in the PSL, so he helped us a lot. Then I bought two of my former team mates from Aberdeen — Ian Gibson from Kilmarnock and Ian Purdie from Portsmouth. I also got John Massa who unfortunately wasn't as successful. He's no longer training with us and he's on the transfer list. He's a good footballer and sweeper is his best position but while we were waiting for him to arrive from Holland, Terry Byrne was playing well as sweeper, and I was not prepared to move him from there.

SCHWAB: Terry Byrne had an off-season stint with Tung Sing in Hong Kong. Will other players spend time there as well?

MURRAY: Tony Brennan went over, but he didn't play for

various reasons. However, what we hope to do in the off-season, is to send Ian Purdie over there. He's a full-time player, and it's a long closed season over here, so it's best if he could stay active, particularly as there are problems getting jobs in Canberra.

SCHWAB: Before you joined Canberra, Don McLaren virtually walked into the club off the street. He must rate as one of the best catches in the PSL.

MURRAY: Yes, apparently he just arrived one day and offered to play. He's a very good player — the type who can adapt to quite a few roles and give you a good game wherever he plays. He's had quite a bit of experience as well — with Hearts and Dunfermline.

SCHWAB: There was much ballyhoo at Canberra when the club bought Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampolo as super-stars from Inter-Monaro. Since then, Giampolo has transferred to APIA, and Valeri has struggled for a place. What's Valeri's future with you?

MURRAY: He is not a member of the team now. He's dropped out of it. It's fair to say that the front three will come from among Brennan, Gibson, Purdie and McLaren.

SCHWAB: What's been the problem with Valeri?

MURRAY: I'd rather not comment at the moment.

SCHWAB: Is he on the transfer list?

MURRAY: Not officially. See, he has a very good job. He may be thinking more about that.

SCHWAB: How is George Christopoulos fitting into the team?

MURRAY: John O'Shea and Duncan Cole were big losses, so we needed someone to join Gary Byrne as a replacement. George has fitted the bill perfectly and he'll be a great asset.

SCHWAB: So too has Gary Byrne.

MURRAY: He is a superb player. He could play in top grade anywhere in Scotland or England. He's a top-class midfielder — great positional sense, beautiful passer of a ball.

SCHWAB: In another interview I did, Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas chose Gary Byrne as the best player in Australia. Would you agree with that assessment?

MURRAY: I wouldn't disagree. He's such a shrewd player. Unless you rate the him lowing, very closely, you do not really appreciate all the things he does. But let's not forget about Paul Ontong whom I bought from Brisbane Lions. It's only because we've had Ontong, Purdie and a few others out injured that we languished in the early rounds. When Ontong comes back, we'll be able to take on the very best with full confidence.

SCHWAB: When will Ontong be back in the team?

MURRAY: He was ready for the youth team last weekend and he'll be OK for Brisbane City next Sunday. He's been out for six or seven weeks now because of a badly damaged foot. He was so desperate to play that he wouldn't lie down, so he did a bit of training by himself, which made it worse.

SCHWAB: Will he play right back, like he did at Lions?

MURRAY: No, he's played right back for us only once. Ontong can play anywhere — defence or midfield. I'll leave my options open. We'll have everyone on their toes trying to hold their positions when he comes back. That's the way it should be.

SCHWAB: Of course you've had young Angelo Ambrosino playing full back. He has impressed me greatly.

MURRAY: I'm delighted with him. He's very skilful and deter-

mined and he'll get even better. He shows out best under pressure, where his football brain takes over. It's when he has space and time that he remembers that he's a young player and that perhaps he shouldn't be there. But there's no reason for him to think that.

SCHWAB: How has the merger with Downer Olympic helped you so far?

MURRAY: Well, with the money they gave us I've been able to buy Gary Byrne, Ontong, Milovanovic, Jim Murray, Christopoulos and goalkeeper Michael Hawking from Albion Hotspur. Perhaps not been for the merger, we'd be struggling along now without replacements for Duncan Cole and the O'Shea brothers.

SCHWAB: Are Downer's Greek fans coming along to your games, and have your crowds gone up?

MURRAY: The Greeks always have come along. We had 1000 more against Sydney City than for the previous match, and we want 1000 more at each successive home game. We'll get them back by winning.

SCHWAB: Do you have any philosophy about playing style?

MURRAY: I play to win and I believe in attacking, not in having five or six at the back. But when we lose possession, I expect the forwards to do their bit towards winning the ball back. Just as they expect the defenders to push up and support, so the forwards should do their defensive duties as well. I believe in playing the ball quickly and in not being negative. If you attack, soccer is the finest spectator sport in the world. If you defend, it can be the worst. I give full reign to my creative players — like Brennan, Purdie, Gibson and Gary Byrne. I allow them to play.

SCHWAB: Do you vary your information away from home?

MURRAY: Very seldom. We mostly stick with 4-3-3.

SCHWAB: Are you in favor of even greater restrictions on the number of imported players?

MURRAY: It's not warranted. We should of course import only quality players, but no-one can say that players like Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie have not done a great deal for football in the ACT. I don't believe the door should be opened all the way to imports, but the present restrictions are stern enough.

SCHWAB: Most PSL teams have a big number of locals in their line-up. Isn't it true to say that if a local player is good enough, he'll make it automatically, yet at the same time, if imports were scrapped, the standard of soccer would decline?

MURRAY: Of course, if a local is good enough he'll make it. It's only when you can't find locals of a sufficient standard that you have to look overseas. On the other hand, when you make an approach for a local lad, the price usually is ridiculous. We tried to get Stan Dukic from Croatia-Deakin and the asking price was \$20,000. I got Purdie and Gibson and their families out here for that. There should be some sort of controls on transfer fees. For example, if a young player steps up from a local league, he should be allowed to move for a standard fee. If that player later is transferred again, the original club could get more, or if the player plays a certain amount of senior games, there also could be an additional fee. But as for imports, it is essential we keep up a flow of very good overseas players, otherwise the youngsters will have no-one to emulate. I did a lot of my learning by watching other players. I did fellows like Eddie Thomson, Wallie Wallace and Tommy Docherty.

After 15 years John and Buggy are still soccer's star brothers

Tracing back the international career of John Nyskohus takes you back to Indonesia 10 years ago. It was on a tour by the Australian under 23 team of that era that the little South Australian showed the experts what he could do.

On that tour and on another to Indonesia the following year, Nyskohus was among an elite group of young players who took their first faltering steps in international soccer.

They included Todd Clarke, then of Beograd, now with Sydney City, Gary Cole of Bei-



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delberg-Alexander, Gary Marocci, then Perth-based and now with Adelaide City, and John Kosmina, then of Polonia-Adelaide and now of Sydney City.

David Jones (South Melbourne Hellas), Mike Micevski (Albion City), Neville Morgan (St. George), Joe Palinkas (Brisbane City), Henry Koleski (Polonia-Adelaide) and Vince Bannan (Juventus, Vic) were there as well.

But John Nyskohus went on

to play more games for the Socceroos than any of the others.

He was in Rale Rasic's preliminary World Cup squad in 1974 but had to wait until late 1975, when Brian Green was the coach, to play his first international, a scoreless draw with the USSR in Perth.

Since then he has represented Australia in 44 games, including 22 full internationals, and he has scored for the Socceroos four times. His last appearance was in a 1-2 loss to Northern Ireland at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, in 1980.

John Nyskohus, 30, and his brother Bogdan, better known as Buggy, 32, must rank as the most distinguished soccer brothers in Australia.

The O'Shea brothers have a numerical advantage, in that there are three of them — John, Rob and Mike, but they are younger than the Nyskohus pair and only John O'Shea has represented Australia. The Treddinicks — Peter of Wollongong and Howard of Newcastle — have played mainly youth internationals.

But John and Buggy Nyskohus have been around a lot longer than the O'Sheas and the Treddinicks, and Buggy, like his brother, boasts Socceroo honors — five games, including three full internationals.

They are legend in South Australia and they will be remembered always among the finest players Australia has produced.

Both were born in Adelaide, and their careers have followed parallel paths.

They started as juniors with South Australian State League club Lion, where Buggy spent 15 years and John 14 years. Both represented their State at junior and senior levels, they played together in Lion's



John Nyskohus

senior team for nine years and they've been together at Adelaide City for four and a half years during their 15-year dominance of South Australian senior soccer.

John stepped up to the PSL in 1977 for a \$3000 transfer fee in 1977 — a year before Buggy who switched for \$7000 in 1978.

A third brother, Peter Nyskohus, 28, maintains the family tradition at Lion.

Despite the presence of the Nyskohus brothers and other fine players like Wally Bojczuk, Mike Ball and Wally Fodyszczyn, titles and cups eluded Lion. The team reached six finals but lost them all, mainly to Juventus or Hellas which have dominated South Australian soccer for so long.

Therefore, the 1979 Phillips Cup final ranks as the highlight of their club career.

Adelaide City, coached by Rale Rasic, trailed St. George 0-2 during that final in Adelaide but the home team stormed back to win the Cup 3-2, with two goals by John Nyskohus and one by his brother Buggy.

No wonder it is remembered as the Nyskohus Final.

Although John prefers to play in midfield, his presence continues to be essential to Adelaide City's attack, and he does not let his team down.

Among the all-time top scorers of league goals in the PSL, he ranks fourth, with 80 goals, behind Gary Cole (74), Mark Jankovics (56) and Ken Boden (52). Counting Phillips Cup and "top-four" goals, Cole has 80, Boden 65, Jankovics 63 and Nyskohus 62.



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SCHWAB: Where do you stand on the regionalisation issue?

MURRAY: I can see the financial argument, but if other teams step up to our level, it is essential that they offer soccer of the same high standard. If ever we go back to having to split our top players among 40 or so teams, we'll be finished. Scotland reduced its top league because it had only five or six clubs that were competitive, with the rest being cannon-fodder. We don't want that to happen here.

SCHWAB: Are you getting good press support in Canberra?

MURRAY: No, it's not very good at all. They wait for us to phone them, but it should be up to the journalist to have sufficient interest to go out and get stories and to know what to ask. I can't remember the last time a writer from Canberra phoned me, yet good journalism is essential to the game here.

SCHWAB: Getting back to Tony Brennan, it always has amazed me that he hasn't had the recognition he deserves — especially at national team level.

MURRAY: Brennan and John O'Shea definitely should have been in the Australian team for the World Cup games. Brennan at times makes me climb up the wall, but when he's on his game, he's the most exciting player in the country. He's greased lightning, he's tricky, no-one knows what he's going to do, including Tony Brennan. He's the best athlete in my squad, and the fastest, although Ongong runs him pretty close. When the next national squad is picked, and if Brennan holds this form, he definitely should be included.

SCHWAB: What other players were overlooked last year?

MURRAY: Gary Byrne, but then he wasn't really overlooked. It was more a case of falling out with Rudi Gutendorf. John Kosmina should have had a better run. I have a high regard for him — he's fast, aggressive — he's what every good centre forward should be.

SCHWAB: Do you agree with the policy of trying to build a new national team around the Australian youth players?

MURRAY: It's OK in theory, but I've seen good youth players all over the world who don't necessarily make good senior inter-

nationalists. We shouldn't be dogmatic about this. If it's a case of Oscar Cristo for example, I'd say by all means, but we have to be realistic. Young teams win nothing. We shouldn't go overboard. It must be a blend of youth and older players. I couldn't understand for example, why Peter Wilson was not included for the start of the World Cup campaign last year. He may be over 30, but he's still the best centre back in the country and he would have got us to Spain.

SCHWAB: Which teams will be the leading contenders for the championship?

MURRAY: It will be a very tight league, but Sydney City and Olympic will be up there. Canberra has given the others too big a lead to win it, but we'll be up in the top four or five. Heidelberg has disappointed me. Maybe they enjoy playing only against us. I saw them against St George, when they seemed to think that one goal was enough. Instead of going on to win by four, they lost 1-2. Perhaps some of their players are getting a bit old.

SCHWAB: Tell me why it was that you lost Richard Wilson to Preston Makedonia.

MURRAY: Wilson was our No. 1 keeper, but Steve Hoszowski felt he was equally as good and he was on the verge of giving up because he wasn't being given a game. I told him that when Wilson went away for the World Cup with New Zealand, I'd give Hoszowski the chance to prove himself and if he played well, he'd stay in ahead of Wilson. As it turned out, Hoszowski did play very well and it was up to Wilson to wait for another chance. Wilson had his form to think about because he was in New Zealand's national team, and he knew it wouldn't be easy to displace Hoszowski, so he asked to move.

SCHWAB: Are you seeking any more players?

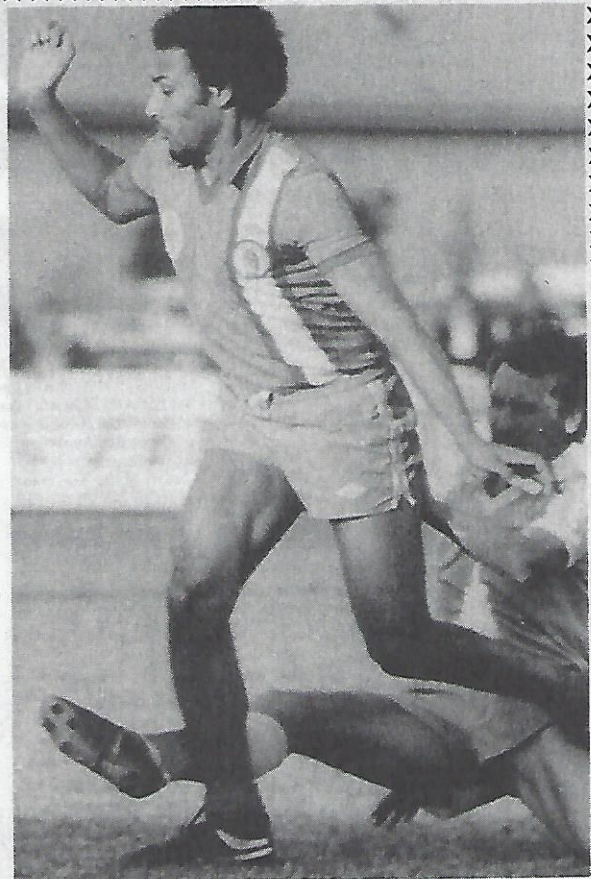
MURRAY: I'm delighted with my squad but I'm always on the look-out for a good player.

SCHWAB: Are you in favor of guest players?

MURRAY: I'd love to have one for the sake of the crowd. I've spoken to one — a Scottish international who's a good friend of mine — and I'll know within a couple of weeks whether we can get him. He could be in Scotland's World Cup pool, so we may have to wait until after the World Cup.

SCHWAB: Is it Kenney Dalgligh?

MURRAY: No. The last I heard he was to join Willie Wallace at APIA.



Canberra City striker Tony Brennan evades a sliding tackle from former Brisbane City player-coach George Potter.



Adelaide City, 1982 style; back row: Bob D'Ottavi (former coach), Neville Flounders, Bobby Russell, David Mitchell (now with Sydney City Hawks), Bobby Ferguson, Sergio Marangoni, Gary Marocchi, Charlie Villani. Front row: Chris Manou, Brian Northcote, Sergio Melia, John Nyskohus, Glen Dods.

Bugsy of course, plays full-back — on the left, mainly — although he started as right winger with Lion and also had a stint there in midfield.

If the Phillips Cup final has been the highlight of John's club career, he also has some fine memories of international soccer.

There was Australia's 1979 victory over the New York Cosmos in front of 50,000 fans in Sydney, for example, and that memorable 3-1 win over Arsenal in Sydney — a game in which John scored one of the goals.

And there was that very exciting world tour of 1977, a tour that took John and the other Soccerros to China, Israel, West Germany, Holland and England.

There also have been disappointments though, the biggest of them Australia's failure in the 1977 and 1981 World Cup qualifying series.

Talking about 1977, he says: "Perhaps some of the older players took advantage of Jimmy Shoulder who was known as a soft coach. Maybe they acted a little irresponsibly. I know we younger players were very disappointed. But then, Iran, which finally qualified, was an excellent side, and they beat us twice. Kuwait also beat us but by the final stage things weren't going well for us at all. We were getting a lot of stick from the Press and we finished up losing regularly. That was the beginning of the end for Jimmy Shoulder, I suppose, but you can only blame the players."

And about 1981: "I think if Rale Rasid had been the coach, we would have qualified for sure. But there was a big mess-up under Rudi Gutendorf from start to finish. It was a shemoozie. With the selection of players available, we should have qualified easily, but the administration picked a dud coach. I didn't get along with him at all. I just kept my distance from him."

weeks later, I got only a few half games. He rarely gave a player the chance to play in three or four consecutive matches."

But Nyskohus hopes it will be different in 1985. "I hope everyone concerned has learned a lesson. There are a lot of good young players, and also good older players about. If there are to be 24 qualifiers again, and if Less Scheinflug is given a fair go, we'll do it next time. Les is a steadier sort of personality, he's played and captained Australia and he knows what is required."

Nyskohus believes that it is essential to have the right man at the helm, not only at international but also at club level. It is for this reason, he says, that he welcomes the appointment of John Perin as coach of Adelaide City.

Asked what had caused the team to slump to second-last position under previous coach Bob D'Ottavi, Nyskohus says:

"The players didn't agree with the tactics, or with the way the team was being run. We were playing very defensively, we weren't getting enough players forward."

"Against Preston was the first time we pushed men up in sufficient numbers, and as a result we had four of five very good scoring chances. "It's been a bad start for us but John Perin is working hard at restoring our confidence and enthusiasm. That's all we need. We have some very good players but the team had been shifted around too much. Even after beating St. George 3-0, the team had three changes for the following game. Now Perin in trying to stick with a basic, settled side and I'm sure we'll come good. We should be able to finish in the middle of the table."

But Nyskohus says the team now needs a new central striker, as David Mitchell has transferred to Sydney City. "Mitchell was on contract until 1983, so the club could have held onto him, but he wasn't too happy here, and maybe the club needed the money. It's no secret Adelaide City has been trying to get onto a firm financial footing after sliding heavily into the red a couple of years ago."

He is disappointed that Adelaide's Italian community is supporting the club in much smaller numbers than in 1977, the inaugural PSL season, when Adelaide City was the most strongly-supported club in the league.

"The Italians only want to see us winning, he says. "OK, we had some rough spots, but we expected them to come back when we won eight in a row last year. Unfortunately they didn't."

And the competition from the amateur leagues doesn't help either. In the first year of the PSL, the amateur leagues in Adelaide changed their fixtures so they wouldn't clash with ours but this year, they're playing on Sundays again, which means that thousands of amateur players and their club officials can't come to see our matches. Something should be done about it."

As one of the league's best forwards, John Nyskohus has been marked by the fiercest of defenders. Who gives him the most trouble?

"Steve O'Connor of Sydney City is a tough opponent when I play centre forward," he says. He's very hard and very fast for a big man. David Jones was hard to play against when he was with West Adelaide, and I also found it hard against Peter Wilson of APIA. As for full backs, it's easier to play

backs, like Kevin Mullen (Sydney City) and Col Curran (Newcastle) who make life difficult, because you have to mark them when they go upfield. They don't give you a rest."

He acknowledges the financial advantage of regionalising the PSL, and he admits that teams from Brisbane, Wollongong, Canberra and Newcastle do not draw crowds in Adelaide. However, to maintain the present high standard of PSL football, it would be preferable to adhere to the existing format, he says.

And as for further restrictions on the number of imported players, he welcomes men of exceptional talent, but believes locals should be given a fairer go.

"I don't like to see too many imports. So many of them are no better than the local players. I know what it's like to be a young player training and waiting for a spot in the senior team and never getting the chance. It tends to discourage many youngsters who subsequently quit the game altogether. There are a lot of other things to do in a country like Australia. Generally speaking, we do not have enough youngsters coming through the ranks in South Australia."

And while on the subject of his home State, he believes that more South Australians should be considered for the national team. "When West Adelaide won the PSL, they had only one player — David Jones in the national team," he says.

"Brian Northcote of Adelaide City should have been given a much better chance, but he got only one trial under Gutendorf. Bugsy also should have been called back, because he had played well under Rale Rasid and he's still one of the most useful full backs around."

John's contract with Adelaide City expires at the end of this season, and he's not sure what his future holds.

"I'll evaluate my position then," he says. "I'll see who's coach, because that's very important to me — to play under someone who knows what he's doing. Also, I hope to play in midfield next year. Whether it's with Adelaide City or elsewhere remains to be seen."

"As for Bugsy, I'm not really sure, but I think he might look at coaching in the State League."

Meantime, the Nyskohus brothers turn their attentions to more immediate things like the World Cup in Spain in June.

John favors a West Germany — Brazil final, and he can't see England getting very far. "England can't seem to match continental players in skill, yet they have a skilful player like Glen Hoddle in and

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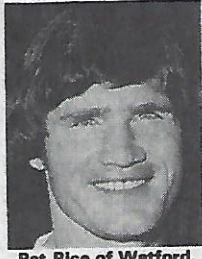
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"White! You have just been handed a hot potato." "That's a political move." "It's a hard act to follow." So say some of the words of wisdom which have come my way since my appointment as coach of the Victorian State team.

Many people have wished me well and many followers of the game are hoping that Victoria continues the run of success which it has enjoyed over the past few years.

The events which led to a replacement being found for former coach Len McKendry are matters of which I know little.

When the VSF asked me if I would coach the state team I was pleased and honoured as Victoria is second only to the national team in this country.

I decided to select 22 players initially to allow me cover certain positions in the event of possible withdrawals through injury or otherwise.

Unfortunately the "otherwise" has taken place and because of Heidelberg's plight in having a minimal squad I have lost five quality players from my line-up, disappointing but not totally surprising and I am assured it is nothing against Victoria nor have the players involved lost the will to play for the State.

Their withdrawal is because of their club's immediate

problem and their unavailability is for this fixture only.

However I cannot help but wonder if the attitude of all concerned, particularly the players, would be different if we were playing Liverpool or Real Madrid.

Our opponent Watford will almost certainly be a First Division team when it comes to Australia.

The players in the Victorian squad are a blend of experienced and exciting performers.

The goalkeeping positions will be contested by Victoria's No. 1 goalkeeper choice, Peter Laumets and long-time "bridesmaid" Denis Boland.

Laumets is safe, reliable and technically good and Boland is the exciting reflexive crowd-pleaser. It will not be an easy choice.

I have turned to the State League to find a right back as I feel there is a distinct shortage of good full backs, particularly at Phillips League level in Victoria.

Vince Balam and Peter Lewis will contest the right hand side and the choice at left back will be between the exciting Igor Hazabent and Socceroo Alan Davidson. The latter of course will also be considered for a place in midfield.

Central defensive positions are generally cast in the mould of stopper and sweeper (or libero) depending on the choice of players.

Dependable Steve Kokoska has been ruled out through injury but Socceroo Steve Blair would be the No. 1 choice as stopper anyway.

The choice of sweeper will be a delayed one in spite of having super-cool John Gardiner available. I may use John elsewhere when I have studied Watford just a little more.

The midfield will be a combination of fast, skilful and exciting players which include Ken Murphy of Croatia who is good enough for Phillips League.

Zoran Ilioski is a very skilful player who likes to get into scoring positions and has an enormous capacity for work.

Add to these the experience and high work rate of Peter Boyle and Alan Whittle and one comes up with a formidable combination.

Up front the emphasis is on players who possess the elusive knack of scoring goals. Charlie Egan and Doug Brown possess a certain affinity with the net and, couple that with the ability and experience of Alan Evans and one comes up with an exciting front line.

A central target man will be essential against Watford as its two big, uncompromising central defenders dominate in the air.

Our target man will hold the ball and allow the elusive Egan, Brown or George Campbell



Peter Laumets (left) of South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Dennis Boland — rivals for the No. 1 goalkeeping spot for Victoria.



Hellas goal ace Charlie Egan.



Footscray J.U.S.T. left back Igor Hazabent.

bell opportunities to use their mobility and create chances.

The game promises to be an exciting one and I am confident the above players will produce another very formidable Victorian combination.

It is the beginning of a new era which will be every bit as exciting as before. The players will see to it that they are the ones who achieve the results.

Coaches do not make players but merely help them and equip them for the job by giving them good habits and promoting within them fresh ideas.

The only man in the squad I have not mentioned is my assistant, Bob McLachlan.

The VSF obviously has decided that Bob's vast experience, particularly on the Victorian scene, can play a vital part in helping the State side.

Bob knows the vital statistics of every player in Melbourne.

It will be a harmonious and honest relationship and one which will be reviewed after our first stint.

Club coaches, junior and senior, should remember the date: Thursday May 20.

Review your coaching programme that week and allow your players and yourself the opportunity of going to the game.

The coach who sits in his own backyard and wades through variations of his own ideas may succeed for a short time.

Unless you travel and watch soccer, talk to other coaches, discuss ideas and keep up with developments in the game you will not begin to climb the coaching tree.

See you at Olympic Park on May 20 at 8 pm.



Peter Boyle



George Campbell



Two of the men from Ajax who play important roles in the state squad — sweeper John Gardiner (left) and assistant state coach Bobby McLachlan.



Croatia midfielder Ken Murphy, a candidate for a wide, flanking midfield role.

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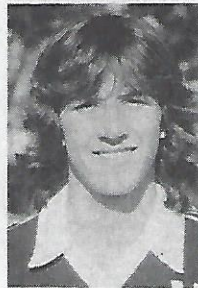
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Plepljevic, Owen to play on Sunday?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Vlado Plepljevic of Footscray J.U.S.T. and Tony Owen of South Melbourne Hellas are expected to make their first PSL appearance in crucial games on Sunday.

Plepljevic, a former Red Star Belgrade player, asked coach Peter Jakša to leave him out against Brisbane City last weekend because he did not yet feel ready, but he's sure to play against league leader Sydney Olympic in Sydney.



Tony Owen

Owen, a 18-year-old midfielder, is likely to be promoted from the Hellas-Hakoah State League team to Hellas's PSL side against Adelaide City at Middle Park.

Coach John Margaritis has been raving about Owen's precocious talent and he makes no secret of the fact that the side needs new blood after five weeks without a win.

Carl Holford from Frankston City came down for a trial last week but so far, Hellas has not made a move to buy him.

Injury worries continued last Friday when Branko Buljevic had to withdraw due to injury.

When things go wrong, they certainly go wrong! While Hellas is crestfallen, Adelaide City has made a new start under coach John Perin, as was evidenced by its 3-0 victory over Wollongong last Sunday and its good performance against Preston-Makedonia the previous week.

There is a lot of strength in the Adelaide City side, especially in full backs Bobby Russell and Bugsy Nyskohus, so unless Hellas recaptures its confidence quickly, it may be in for another defeat.

Plepljevic will have to be fitted in somewhere on the forward line — but where?

Milan Kojic has played two excellent games in a row, Paul Simic has scored three goals in two games and Mendo Ristovski, back from Juventus, played well after replacing Dragan Vasic at half time against Brisbane City.

Perhaps Jakša will try to place Plepljevic in midfield instead, for his tremendous skill could counter that of Olympic's brilliant midfielders, Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos. And, from what I hear, Plepljevic also is quite a good tackler — a quality essential in the midfield.

Having knocked off previous league leader APIA, it is not beyond the realms of possibility that J.U.S.T. also will beat Olympic.

Such a result would make league leadership accessible to any number of teams, although Olympic could stay on top by virtue of its goal difference.

Heidelberg-Alexander would profit greatly from a J.U.S.T. victory, provided of course, it can beat Alan Vest's West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Coach Len McKendry will be working hard during the week on his midfield trio, and may have to consider bringing Jim Campbell back to midfield from the defence to help counter hard-working Graham Honeyman and David Doorne.

But this is the week that the Australian-based Kiwis are expected to go home to join the New Zealand World Cup squad. Those Kiwis include West Adelaide stars Alan Boath and Steve Sumner, and Makedonia goalkeeper Richard Wilson whose place

Sunday matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN MELBOURNE
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Adelaide City Juventus at Middle Park, 3 pm.
Preston Makedonia v Brisbane Lions (draw) at Connor Reserve, Preston, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v St George Budapest at Sydney Athletics Field, 3 pm.
APIA LEICHHARDT v Newcastle KB Utd at Lambert Park, 3 pm.

IN WOLLONGONG
Wollongong v Marconi (draw) at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide Hellas v HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v CANBERRA CITY at Spencer Park, 3 pm.

will go to Steve Potter, the former J.U.S.T. "keeper recruited recently from Melbourne Croatia.

Makedonia was well in the match at 1-2 against Marconi but Marconi went on to win easily, 4-1.

The home ground advantage should help Makedonia against Brisbane Lions but it remains to be seen how Makedonia copes against powerful defenders Ron Millman and Billy Williamson under control.

St George, which climbed to second place by beating Hellas, faces its biggest test yet against Sydney city-Hakoah which may be strengthened by the return of star midfielders Murray Barnes and Ian Soumess.

Indeed, Saints coach Frank Arok concedes that the league will become tougher for them now that they are regarded as a top team.

"We will be facing more and more determined opponents who will want to prove that St George is not as good as its position on the table," said Arok.

St George is determined to prove it is worthy of a top place in the Philips League after its demoted season in the NSW State League last year.

St George made extensive use of long passes to the wing and the short, explosive bursts of Des Martin to keep the South Melbourne defence unsettled last weekend.

Peter Stone and Robbie Slater picked up the goals for the Saints but Arok was disturbed at the number of missed chances in the first 30 minutes.

"The team will have to learn to be more patient in its buildup and finish its moves to retain its position," said Arok.

But if any problems develop, Arok has a wealth of talent in reserve on which to fall back: Billy Griffiths, Ernie Campbell, Laszlo Lorenz John Davies and Dennis Duarte to mention a few.

At the time of writing, we did not know the result of the Canberra v APIA match on Monday, but defeat to either of them would not be enough to demoralise them to such an extent that they will throw away points next Sunday.

APIA, despite its recent run of odds, should be too classy for last-placed Newcastle at Lambert Park and Canberra, now boasting one of the strongest squads in the country, should account for Brisbane City despite Brisbane's traditional home ground advantage.

Brisbane City of course, will have to struggle on for the rest of the season without its star sweeper Jimmie Dunne who broke his

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Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME	AWAY	
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1. (1) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	3 0 2 12-5	4 2 0 14-8	26:13 18
2. (2) APIA-LEICHHARDT	3 1 1 9-6	3 2 1 12-7	21:13 15
3. (4) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST	5 0 1 10-4	1 3 1 7-9	17:13 15
4. (6) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	4 1 1 9-5	2 1 2 5-4	14-9 14
5. (3) Sydney City - Hakoah	3 1 1 8-3	3 0 3 8-7	19:10 13
6. (10) Marconi-Datsun	4 1 1 14-6	1 1 3 2-7	16:13 12
7. (5) Preston Makedonia	3 2 1 11-4	1 2 3 6-12	17:16 12
8. (8) Brisbane Lions	2 2 2 13-9	1 3 1 8-6	19:15 11
9. (9) West Adelaide Hellas	2 2 1 9-4	1 4 1 8-9	17:13 10
10. (7) South Melb. Hellas	3 2 1 10-4	1 2 3 9-11	19:15 10
11. (12) Canberra City	2 2 2 10-9	0 3 2 6-11	16:20 9
12. (13) Footscray J.U.S.T.	1 4 1 8-7	1 1 3 4-10	13:17 9
13. (11) Wollongong	2 1 2 8-10	2 0 4 5-13	13:23 9
14. (15) Adelaide City Juventus	2 2 2 10-7	0 1 4 4-9	14:16 7
15. (14) Brisbane City	2 3 0 9-6	0 0 6 1-21	10:27 7
16. (16) Newcastle KB United	1 2 3 7-10	0 1 4 3-13	10:23 5

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

McMILLAN (1) (H'berg)	DUNNE (1) (Brisb C)	O'CONNOR (2) (Syd. C)	YANKOS (1) (H'berg)
WATSON (1) (Syd. C)	ILIOSKI (3) (JUST)	HONEYMAN (2) (West Adel)	
HUNTER (2) (Marconi)	MARTON (4) (St. George)	J. NYSKOHUS (1) (Adel. City)	

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HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Vzendoorn) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 at Olympic Village, crowd about 3500. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. Watson (SC), 5. O'Connor (SC), 4. Yankos (H'berg), 3. McMillan (H'berg), 2. Kosmina (SC), 1. Mullin (SC).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Simic) 2 BRISBANE CITY 0 at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Peter Desira: 6. Ilioski (JUST), 5. Dunne (SC), 4. Chris (JUST), 3. P. Linkas (BC), 2. Kojic (JUST), 1. Hazabent (JUST).

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Low) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Jennings) at Richlands. Votes by Ricky Russo: 6. Low (BL), 5. Lowndes (BL), 4. Katholos (SO), 3. Redfern (SO), 2. Millman (BL), 1. Wilson (SO).

MARCONI-DATSUN 4 (Hunter, 2. Jenkovic, Vieri) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Lucchesi) at Marconi Stadium. Votes by Alex Vesic: 6. Hunter (Marc), 5. Maher (Marc), 4. Vieri (Marc), 3. Cullen (Marc), 2. Duvnjak (Marc), 1. Praskalo (Marc).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Stone, Slater) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Egan) at St George Stadium. Votes by Ted Simmons: 6. Marton (St G), 5. Xanthopoulos (St G), 4. Slater (St G), 3. Slater (St G), 2. Stevenson (SM), 1. Sken (St G).

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Christopoulos, T. Byrne) APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Soper, Bradley) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor: 6. Purdie (Can), 5. Christopoulos (Can), 4. Soper (APIA), 3. Bradley (APIA), 2. Moutsopoulos (Can), 1. G. Byrne (Can).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 3 (Metta, Villani, Northcote) WOLLONGONG 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. J. Nyskohus (AC), 5. Barfield (AC), 4. Russell (AC), 3. Marocchi (AC), 2. Cotton (WV), 1. Doda (AC).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Senkalski) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Honeyman) 2 at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni: 6. Honeyman (WA), 5. H. Tredinnick (N), 4. McGregor (WA), 3. Brennan (WA), 2. Sneddon (N), 1. McGachey (WA).

Leaders: 46. Katholos (SO), 38. P. Stone (St G), 36. McGachey (WA), 31. Redfern (SO), 29. Bradley (APIA), 28. Soper (APIA), 27. Northcote (AC), 26. Dunn (WA), 24. Ilioski (JUST), 23. O'Reilly (JUST), Boyle (Mak).

22. Honeyman (WA), 21. Vzendoorn (H'berg), T. Byrne (Can), Raskopoulos (SO), 20. J. Campbell (H'berg), Brown (Mak), Bennett (BL), 19. Egan (SM), Connor (BC), Verdareff (WV), 18. Petrovski (Mak), Russell (AC), Kosmina (SC), 17. A. McMillan (H'berg), Xanthopoulos (SM), Watson (SC), Bertogna (WA), 16. Calderon (Marc), Hunter (Marc), Millman (BL), 15. Hays (WA), G. Campbell (SM), Low (BL), R. Wilson (Mak), Barton (St G), Williamson (BL), Lowe (Nwcc), Robertson (SC), Dunne (BC), Adam (WV).

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9. Egan (SM), Koussas (SO), 8. Soper (APIA), 7. Honeyman (WA), J. Campbell (H'berg), Brown (Mak), Marton (St.G), Millman (BL), 6. Cole (H'berg), Williamson (BL), J. Nyskohus (AC), Padikas (SC), 4. Simic (JUST), Redfern (SO), Jankovic (Marc), Hunter (Marc), Ollerton (Mak), Barton (St.G), Kosmina (SC), Cotton (Woll), Bradley (APIA).

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JOHN BRADLEY SAVES APIA

Canberra 2
APIA 2

Scorers: — Christopoulos 17th Soper 47th T. Byrne 73rd Bradley 75th
Venue: — Bruce Stadium
Crowd: — 3,800
Referee: — Bob May
Cautions: — Brennan, Stone
CANBERRA: — Hosenowski 8 — Ambrosino 7 Milovanovic 7 T. Byrne 8 Moutopoulos 8 — Christopoulos 8 G. Byrne 8

1. Stone 7 — Purdie 8 Brennan 7 Gibson 7
APIA: — Woodhouse 8 — Skellern 7 Pullen 7 Bradley 8 Grey 7 — McBrown 7 Butler 7 Burrows 7 — Morsello 7 Soper 8 Giampolo 7
Canberra City led APIA twice at Bruce Stadium on Monday but had to be content with a 2-2 draw, as APIA re-captured some of the form that had deserted the club in previous matches.



Peter Windsor

George Christopoulos, recruited from South Melbourne Hellas, scored his first goal for Canberra to put the home team into the lead after 17 minutes.
It was John Bradley who rescued APIA from defeat by scoring the equalising goal 15 minutes from the end.

Atmore from the U.S. boosts Lions' midfield

Brisb. Lions 1
Syd. Olymp. 1

Scorers, BL: Low 69th, 50; Jennings 21st.
Venue: — Richards Stadium.
Crowd: — About 3000.
Referee: — Col Amos 8.
Cautions: — Williamson 45th (Lions).

LIONS: Lowndes 8, McKinnings 7, Bennett 7, Ferris 7, Niven 7, Hogg 7, Atmore 7, Burns 7, Low 8, Williamson 8, Millman 8.
OLYMPIC: — P. Wilson 7, Rogers 7, Scott 8, Bowden 7, Ziras 7, Phillips 7, Redfern 8, Raskopoulos 7, Koussas 8, Katholou 8, Jennings 7.

Brisbane Lions may have found the missing ingredient in their midfield in new signing Mark Atmore, who has come to the club via American Indoor team Philadelphia Fever.

Atmore, 24, showed some good and more importantly intelligent touches, when he made his debut in the entertaining 1-1 draw with Olympic last weekend.

The sturdy Atmore appears to have the ability to slow things down in the centre of the park and take pressure off players by distributing the ball wide or into space.

Since Jim Hermiston left, Lions have lacked a player who could dictate the pace for them and much of their game consisted of running and hustling. Generally it has been their opposition Lions won.

But now if Atmore lives up to the promise he flashed last weekend Lions have the potential to be a much more physically economical side and play through their midfield more rather than rely on their fast strikers to chase long balls.

Atmore obviously was short of match fitness and was affected by the Brisbane heat but the small part he played in the game he played well and not one incident comes to memory of him giving possession away.

Atmore was born in England and played with Rotherham, Sheffield United, West Brom. Albion and Chesterfield. He came to Australia last year



Ricky Rosso

to Gold Coast club Twin Towns and played with them in the Northern New South Wales league.

Last year during the World Youth Championships, American coach Walt Chyzowych offered Atmore a trial with Fever after Twin Towns played a training game with the Americans.

Atmore went to America and played in the Major Indoor Soccer League alongside team-mates including Steve Heighway and Tony Wheelan. He was forced to leave America at the end of the indoor season when the number of players on the market because of bankrupt clubs made it impossible for Atmore to get into an outdoor team.

The midfielder wanted to play for Leichhardt but was recommended to Lions by Willie Wallace who had his full quota of visa players. And Leichhardt's loss could prove to be Lions' gain.

Lions definitely needed a new face to revitalise the team which performed so badly the week before against Marconi and obviously the tonic worked against Olympic.

Lions could easily have won the match but for poor finishing and some refereeing decisions which only proved to enforce the bad reputation Brisbane officials are earning.

Olympic's goal was a classic example. A ball came in from the right to the far post. Olympic striker Graham Jennings and Lions' fullback Bobby McKinnings contested it. McKinnings got in much earlier but misdirected the ball and sent it across the goal and straight to Olympic centre forward Mark Koussas.

Jennings stood flat-footed near the post as the momentum of McKinnings' header took him forward.

Koussas beat his man on the left, then knocked the ball from the edge of the six-yard area to Jennings who still had not moved.

Jennings was one metre from the line and in line with the last defender, goalkeeper Nigel Lowndes. The ball was played forward which means

Jennings must have been off-side but linesman Bill Turnington kept his flag down.

Even Olympic coach Doug Collins admitted after the match he considered the goal offside.

It was probably only fair when tiny winger Craig Low cracked a left foot shot from 25 metres which hit the upright and rebounded into the net in the 68th minute to even the scores.

Imports on way, watch out Soper

Newcastle 1
West Adel. 2

Scorers: — Honeyman 2 (WA), Senkalski (NI).
Ground: — International
Sports Centre.
Crowd: — 3200
Cautions: — Sneddon (NI), Sumner (WA).
Referee: — Reeves 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Endacott 7, Mason 7, Sneddon 8, Tradnick 8 — Senkalski 7, Maier 7, McClelland 7 (Dooley 65th) — Gemmell 7, Lowe 7, Jones 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7 — McGregor 8, Dunn 8 (In Brown 60th), McGeehey 8, Totiskis 7 — Sumner 7, Brennan 8, Doornes 7 — Heys 7, Honeyman 9, Santrez 7.

Newcastle KB United has promised APIA-Leichhardt's leading striker Marshall Soper a "roasting" when the clubs meet at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Soper is the player whom Newcastle failed to recognise when he grew up through their local ranks.

Strangely enough it was current Newcastle secretary, David McGuire, who recommended Soper to Leichhardt before he became connected with Newcastle.

As a former Leichhardt goal-keeper McGuire had a very close association with the Sydney club.

In Newcastle their coach Ken Kaiser said: "No striker has been comfortable against our stopper John Sneddon all season."

"On top of that Craig Mason will be hard to get past a sweeper."

"He gave away a gift goal with a sloppy backpass early in the West Adelaide game but he did not miss a beat after that."

Kaiser is generally pleased with the way in which players David Lowe and Ralph Maier are shaping. Neil Endacott was sound at fullback last week as replacement for the injured Col Curran.

In spite of being on rock bottom position on the table, Newcastle is determined to redeem themselves and eventually recover their former position as the biggest crowd puller in the league.

"We can't do it without reinforcements. They are required to spur our young players along," Kaiser said.

Club secretary McGuire is in constant touch with England to bring in two players immediately.

Liverpool's crack mid-fielder Craig Johnston, the former Newcastle boy who will guest with the club in June, ex-Cessnock and Apla-Leichhardt goal-keeper John Roberts and former KB treasurer Dick



Joe Lanzoni

Puxty are all on the job to secure the reinforcements.

Johnston has unearthed a Scottish striker-cum-midfielder who is currently with Burnley.

"Craig rates this player very highly indeed. We are close to agreeing terms," McGuire said.

Former West Ham defender John McDowell, currently with Norwich City, could be the other signing.

KB is very appreciative of the Newcastle International Sports Centre Trust's decision to make the ground available rent free for the balance of the season.

Whether Newcastle can accommodate two visa players or just one under the quota system provides a very interesting question.

They may have to release striker Bob Mountford, whose injury will keep him out of soccer for the remainder of the year.

Also on Newcastle's shopping list is Sydney City's injured striker Ken Boden, once the toast of Newcastle.

"Slicker's coach Eddie Thomson believes that Boden will be fit in six weeks time. We are very interested in him," McGuire said.

Newcastle were valiant but still not victorious against West Adelaide.

Newcastle were beaten 2-1; a victory which will be hard to swallow since the visitors were coached by former Newcastle manager Alan West.

It was Newcastle's seventh loss in 11 games, giving it five points and bottom position on the competition ladder.

West Adelaide held the lead twice in a first half which produced all the goals.

Striker Graham Honeyman scored the first goal after only one minute 30 seconds when he capitalised on a dreadful backpass by Newcastle's sweeper Craig Mason.

Newcastle equalised three minutes later in spectacular fashion with a goal from midfielder Joe Senkalski, probably the best of the season.

Senkalski latched onto a pass from striker David Jones to rifle home a 25 metres drive.

West Adelaide regained the lead in the 33rd minute when Honeyman scored again.

He scored with a header from five metres which came

after winger Graham Heys had crossed from the right wing.

West Adelaide's two goals were the result of poor defensive work by the Newcastle team.

The visitors were content to contain Newcastle in the second half and offered few scoring chances.

In contrast, Newcastle worked hard for an equaliser and came closest in the final 15 minutes of the match.

A move on the right featuring Mason and Senkalski in the 74th minute gave striker David Lowe a first-time volley which whistled over the bar.

Two minutes later a header from Lowe was brilliantly taken by West Adelaide goal-keeper Martyn Crook.

Apart from the loss the Newcastle officials were concerned over a crowd figure of only 3249. It continued an alarming downward trend in home match attendances.

There was plenty of feeling in the match with referee Jim Reeves booking Newcastle defenders John Sneddon and Howard Tradnick and West Adelaide captain Steve Sumner, who was Newcastle captain last year.

West Adelaide now has 12 points from its 11 matches, although the result was only its third win of the season.

Marton magnificent, Margaritis morose

St. George 2
SM-Hellas 1

ST GEORGE: Fraser 7, Skeen 8, R. O'Shea 7, Barton 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, Slater 8, Stone 8, Wilkinson 7, J. O'Shea 8, Marton 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumants 7, Jones 6, Shira 6, Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 8, Stevenson 8, Rogers 6, Nicolaidis 7, Egan 7, Evans 7, Campbell 6.

Scorers: Stone (44th) Slater (62nd) — St George Melbourne (61st) — South Melbourne.

Cautions: R. O'Shea (60th).
Referee: — R. Loran 8.
Crowd: — 3789.

Anzac Day is usually reserved for praise for the veterans and such was the case at St George Stadium where the oldest man on the field gave a lesson to his younger followers.

Dez Marton, who admits to at least 34, teased, tantalised and tormented South Melbourne, even though he left his shooting boots at home.

Marton missed four clear chances in the first 25 minutes, and when Frank Arkov moved him out wide in the second half, his short, explosive bursts and tremendous control put paid to any hopes of a South Melbourne comeback.

In fact, the Gunners didn't get a clear shot at the St George goal until the 30th minute after Charlie Egan but Arthur Xanthopoulos in the clear.

St George had dominated the first half hour, continually penetrating the hesitant South Melbourne defence, yet the opening goal should have come from the beleaguered visitors.

Xanthopoulos stole a pass, and sent the fast-moving Evans away, but with only keeper Mike Fraser to beat, Evans bowed in despair when he sliced the ball wide.

The St George attacks had to pay off and one minute before half time the opening score was presented to them by defender Billy Rogers.

From a goal area scramble, Rogers committed the most basic error when he tried to dribble the ball clear, but was robbed by the alert Peter Stone who was untroubled to slice it away.

Six minutes after half time, it looked as though South Mel-

bourne were on the way back when George Campbell's corner found the head of Egan for the equaliser.

But St George coach Arkov played his master-stroke in moving Marton wide, and the St George machines started to roll forward again.

A long ball from Ratcliffe found David Skeen clear on the right, and his deep cross to the far post was headed back into the box by Paul Wilkinson.

Stone side-footed the ball at Laumants and it deflected to the waiting Slater only a few metres off the line for a simple goal.

Xanthopoulos and Stevenson tried hard to get their strikers moving, but every attempt was foiled by the confident St George defence who were now starting movements involving four or five players.

Xanthopoulos was practically playing a lone role in midfield and he was frustrated into trying long shots because of the inability of his strikers.

Egan, although not as prominent as in past matches, at least had the satisfaction of knowing he has joined Mark Koussas as leading PSK scorer.

But the match was really summed up by South Melbourne coach, John Margaritis, who said: "Every week, it's the same story of missed chances and the giving away of stupid goals. I will have to get some players."

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Andrew Dettre

First the bad news. Victoria's administration appears to be so very much more alive and enterprising than that in Sydney that I could cry.

This is apparent in many little details, quite apart from the fact that Victoria somehow runs its Ampol Cup properly before the season while in Sydney the NSW Federation has managed to turn it into an act fit for a circus.

Reams of notices, schedules and other material keep arriving every week at NSW papers from Victorian Federation secretary George Wallace — even though he knows that very little of it actually gets published. But nobody can claim that he has not been informed.

In Sydney, the NSW Federation sends out a scrap of paper weekly telling us of the week's matches, and this usually arrives Thursday or Friday...

Apart from that — nothing or almost nothing in the way of circulars, notices, minutes, data sheet, programs, you name it.

I'll never know why the Sydney clubs put up with it — but they do. And have done for years.

Now comes the news that English first division aspirants Watford will play in Melbourne — but not in Sydney.

In fact, nobody in Sydney even knows that Watford will be in Australia briefly.

Obviously the NSW Federation wasn't interested in securing them for a match; conducting raging arguments with the five PSL clubs is infinitely more fun than arranging a match by a team which is coming to Australia anyway.

So that's the bad news — from our viewpoint.

The good news (again from our angle) is that some of Victoria's officials have managed to get down to the Sydney level.

Last week's "National Times", a quality Sunday paper, carried a full page article on the saga of George Christopoulos who last year tried to gain experience first in Greece, then in England, before his unhappy return to Australia and switch to Canberra.

One of the 'heavies' of the well researched story is South Melbourne president, Sam Papasavas.

Some random quotes from the story depicting Sam's role in the Christopoulos affair:

"... Papasavas demanded \$150,000 from the Greek first division club Salomika for a player whose contract specified a ceiling transfer fee of \$10,000..."

"... Salomika was prepared to offer \$80,000 — Papasavas would not budge..."

Later, when Christopoulos tried his luck in England:

Should Sam wear two hats?

"... Newcastle — offered South Melbourne 20,000 pounds to receive a counter-proposal of 50,000 pounds. Christopoulos phoned Papasavas: 'You ruined things for me in Greece. If you don't do the right thing now I'll come back and sue you for the 10,000 pounds specified in my contract...'"

"Papasavas relented and agreed to 25,000 pounds."

Then, as we all know, British authorities, probably urged on by the PSL's Association, put a club for Christopoulos' hopes by denying him a working permit. So he came back to Australia.

Continues the sad story in the "National Times":

"It would be pleasant to report that the player's transfer from South Melbourne to Canberra Arrows went smoothly. But the astute Papasavas, a lawyer, contended that by going to Greece last year George had breached his contract, thus negating the 10,000 dollar transfer ceiling..."

In the end, according to the story, Canberra had to pay another 10,000 dollars — a total of 20,000 dollars, to obtain Christopoulos.

You may recall that in February I wrote a piece in "Soccer Action" pointing out that plans to introduce a limit on transfer fees, then strongly mooted by the PSL, are impractical and such a policy impossible to police.

And then along came Sam Papasavas to lecture me on my 'lack of logic'.

Said he, inter alia, in the following week's issue of this newspaper:

"... the alternative would be to leave transfer fees unrestricted as they are skyrocketing as they have in England and Europe..."

"... consider (said the compassionate Sam) the example of a player slapping a \$0,000 dollar transfer fee on a player and effectively putting that player out of the game..."

We have considered it. But Sam hasn't...

All this pontification from a man who — at the time of his lecture to me — had demanded 150,000 dollars from Salomika, \$9,000 (some 130,000 dollars) from Newcastle, UK and then finally an extra 10,000 dollars from a near bankrupt Canberra club for a player who had joined his club at 17.

Of course, Sam wears two hats. He was educating me in his role as chairman of the PSL — and got involved in the Christopoulos affair as president of South Melbourne.

Maybe he shouldn't wear two hats at all.

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Bergers win despite O'Connor and Watson

Ciric and Ilioski tops again

Foot. JUST 2
Brisbane C. 0

Score: Simic 48th, 67th.
Cautions: McVeigh, Milne.
Ground: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: 1052.

Referee: Jim Freeman 8.
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Ciric 8, Hazabent 8, O'Reilly 8, Kondarous 7, Kyriakoulas 7, Belic 7, Ilioski 9, Milne 7, Simic 7, Vasic 7 (Ristovski 48th), Kojic 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, McVeigh 7, Liddell 7, Dunne 9 (Glockner 65th), Vincenzino 7, Bohan 7, Pimblett 8, Hamilton 7, Palinkas 8, Carey 7, Cairney 7.
Victorian state coach Tim White might well have considered Milutin Ciric as a back-up keeper for Dennis Boland in his state squad had he not named Peter Laumets as the understudy before the start of this game.

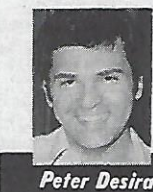
Ciric, playing in only his third PSL game since joining Footscray in 1979, capped a confident performance with a brilliant save off Joe Palinkas near the end of the first half and his form is such that Boland may find it hard to regain his spot once he overcomes his knee injury.

But Ciric's performance was only one facet of a game which was jam-packed with action and incidents.

One person who will not want to remember it however is Jimmy Dunne. It might be the end of a playing career after breaking a leg in the second half.
Dunne came off the worst in a 50-50 tackle with Jim Milne and there was no doubt of the



JUST's Milan Kojic and Jim Milne shadow Frank Liddell (right) of Brisbane City. At left is David Vincenzino. Paul Simic — jubilant



Peter Desira

seriousness of the leg break. He fell awkwardly after the tackle and officials decided against moving him.

Referee Jim Freeman agreed with them and elected instead to send both teams to the dressing rooms while an ambulance was called for. Club officials finally got Dunne onto a stretcher and play was resumed after an eight minute stoppage.

It was the second successive stoppage at Schintler Reserve. West Adelaide's Robbie Dunn held up the game for seven minutes a fortnight ago but his injury is not as serious as first suspected and he is back fighting for a place.

Dunne's loss to Brisbane City will be more acute especially judging on his excellent performance up to the stage he was injured.

He had kept together a sagging backline with a superb performance at sweeper and it came as no surprise that Footscray increased its lead within minutes of play resuming without him.

While Brisbane had Dunne dominating, Footscray had its own man of the match in Zoran Ilioski who not only showed his superiority in midfield but also set up the two goals as well as letting fly a number of shots to test Kim Wishart from long range.

Footscray had been the better side in the first half with Milan Kojic twice setting up Dragon Vasic with right wing crosses.

But on each occasion the striker fired over.

Vasic was replaced by new signing Mendo Ristovski at the break and the prodigal winger played a hand in the opening goal within three minutes of coming on.

Ilioski ran onto Ristovski's return pass to fire a shot which



Wishart could only parry and Simic following up put the loose ball away.

Ilioski made the second in the 64th minute with a run down the right and a cross which found Simic unmarked in the area to finish off.

Footscray's Yugoslav import Vlado Plevaljevic asked coach Peter Jaksa to leave him out to acclimatise himself better.

Heidelberg 1
Sydney C. 0

Score: Yzendoorn 77th min.

Venue: Olympic Village, Heidelberg.

Crowd: About 3800.

Cautions: O'Connor (SC).

Referee: Jack Johnson (Tasmania) 7.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 8 — McMillan 9, Yzendoorn 8, Macleod 8, Yankos 9 — Selenidis 6, Taylor 6, Rooney 6 — Campbell 6, Cole 6, Boskas 6 (Paton 69th).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7 — Mullen 8, Robertson 8, O'Connor 9.5, Cant 7 — Patikas 7, Borges 6, Spence 6 (Murray 57th), Watson 9.5, Kosmina 8, Mitchell 7.

Forget about the result. This Sydney City machine will roll on powerfully, steamrolling opponents mercilessly after Murray Barnes and Ian Souness return from injury — possibly this week.

Heidelberg's victory over the reigning champion was tribute to its stout defence. Sydney City had a massive share of play, but was unable to break down the back four of Arthur McMillan, John Yzendoorn, Don Macleod, and Charlie Yankos, backed up expertly by goalkeeper Jeff Oliver.

But Sydney City still had good scoring chances, and considering the amount of possession it had, coach Eddie Thomson must have been disappointed.

Heidelberg on the other hand was delighted in more ways than one to battle against the defenders without support.

What better way to celebrate the opening of a new ground than by beating the



Laurie Schwab

champions and climbing into the top four?

The Olympic Village ground boasts an excellent pavilion, quite a good pitch and expansive terracing which will be covered by the end of the year. Total cost will be about \$200,000.

A fair crowd turned up despite rain and the coldest day of the year so far, to watch an intriguing tactical battle and, most important, victory by their home side.

Coach Len McKendry wasn't happy with the performance, but then it's difficult for even the best of teams to play well against mighty Sydney City.

Two men dominated this match — Joe Watson and Steve O'Connor.

Watson covered every blade of grass on the pitch. He came deep to build up play down the right, he took free kicks galore, I lost count of the number of interceptions he made, and he was even in the penalty box, tackling opponents and turning play the other way.

O'Connor, who marked Gary Cole, won every duel in the air, and was successful in almost every tackle. He pushed up through the midfield and often became an extra forward.

John Kosmina fought tirelessly for the ball in attack but too often had to battle against the defenders without support. That may be rectified when the Kosmina-Mitchell partner-

ship is perfected. It was only the second time Kosmina and David Mitchell had played together.

Sydney City let itself down also by playing square a little bit too often.

Heidelberg's problems mainly were in midfield, from where supply to the strikers and quick support for them was minimal.

But once again, you cannot look at Heidelberg's ineffectiveness without considering the opposition provided by Sydney City. Every Heidelberg player on the ball quickly was closed down by one — often two — men, not only in midfield but of course more particularly in attack.

It was John Yzendoorn who scored the winning goal, in the 77th minute.

Ken Taylor launched one of his long-range "specials", it bounced off the post and Yzendoorn was on hand to slam it back, past goalkeeper Todd Clarke.

Sydney City however, should have taken the lead two minutes earlier when Kosmina coolly stroked the ball past Jeff Oliver only to see it hit the bottom of the far post.

Yankos and fellow full-back McMillan set up many attacking possibilities in the first half with their powerful long throws.

But Sydney City had the first meaningful shot at goal, through Mitchell, who was foiled by Oliver's reflex save.

After Yzendoorn had scored for Heidelberg, Sydney City strengthened its forward line by bringing on winger Willie Murray for John Spanos.

Heidelberg played cautiously for the last 10 minutes, content to defend its lead.

Caution thrown to the wind

Marconi 4
Makedonia 1

Goals: Marc — Hunter 2, Vieri, Jankovics; Makedonia — Lucchesi.

Stadium: Marconi.

Crowd: 2,721.

Referee: B. Fowler 7.

Yellow cards: N. Duvnjak.

MARCONI: Maher 9, B. Zanic 6, Henderson 7, Prskalo 8, Budini 7, Calderan 8, Vieri 8, Duvnjak 9 (Silve 88' 6'), Hunter 9, Jankovics 8, Licata 6.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Fox 6, Beech 6, McMillan 7, Boyle 7, Whittle 7, Cullen 8, Flavell 6, Ollerton 6 (Ward 46' 5'), Brown 7, Lucchesi 7.

Ian Hunter, one of the heroes of the last World Youth Cup, scored two goals and appeared to be the main tormentor of somewhat shaky Makedonia defence, to set his team on the road to victory.

His first came after 75 seconds, following a clearance by Ivo Prskalo. A header by one of the Makedonia defenders went backwards and landed at the feet of Rene Licata who cut the ball back to Hunter.

The speedy striker raced past two players then pushed the ball to Vieri on the edge of the penalty box. As two defenders descended upon Vieri the ball bounced loose and Mark Jankovics raced in to beat Wilson to the ball but the shot rebounded off Wilson to the feet of Hunter who made no mistake from close range.

It was Hunter, again, who almost got Makedonia into trouble in the 17th minute as he ran away from Fox to the by-line, then crossed to the far post but Rene Licata's jump for the ball took him a mere couple of inches off the ground and the ball sailed past, brushing the youngster's hair.

Makedonia came back with some fine attacking moves and Maher had to dive at Lucchesi's feet to save in the 19th minute, then watched in despair as the shot by Brown from some 12 metres just missed the near post.

The short fightback by Makedonia came to an abrupt end as Marconi came surging forward to dominate the last 20 minutes of the first half. Budini's cross in the 24th minute found Nikola Duvnjak a mere three metres from goal, but the youngster's toe pushed the ball straight into Wilson's arms.

Minutes later Mark Jankovics hit the crossbar with his header following yet another superb cross by Roberto Vieri. But the luck didn't hold out for Makedonia in the 30th minute.

Alan Maher's long throw found Vieri on the edge of the penalty box. He raced some 40 metres before pushing the ball wide to Nikola Duvnjak on the left flank. He neatly rounded two players, then cut the ball back to Vieri who made no mistake from some 12 metres to make it 2-0.



Alex Vesic

Seconds later Duvnjak went into the book after bringing down Boy. Steve Beech appeared to have brought down Licata without the ball a minute after the incident but was unpunished.

Marconi's misses could have cost them dearly as Makedonia came back strongly after the interval. Lucchesi's shot from close range in the 51st was brilliantly saved by Maher, then some frantic defence by Marconi kept Makedonia at bay for the following few minutes.

With 57 minutes gone Peter Boyle made a break and found Cullen who in turn quickly pushed the ball to unmarked Lucchesi and this time Maher had no answer as the ball sailed past him.

Makedonia was now in full control and it looked only a matter of time before they equalised. Alas, their territorial control resulted in little penetration in front of goal and only an occasional run by live-wire Cullen provided exciting moments inside the penalty area.

Against the run of play Marconi scored. Roberto Vieri picked up a loose ball, then hit a long ball for Ian Hunter to chase. With two defenders on his heels, Hunter did well to control the ball, run some 35 metres and beat Wilson with a strong drive.

Licata hit the post a minute later but Makedonia continued to attack, leaving themselves wide open at the back. It was a case of "let's see who scores most".

Maher made three great saves within the space of 10 minutes, two of them being "headers" (not of Alan's choice, of course), as shots rebounded off "Spider's" head and over or past his goal, before Marconi scored again.

Licata's corner was headed by Tony Henderson for Jankovics to race in and head past Wilson to make it 4-1.

For Marconi, Vieri dazzled with some magic touches, while Hunter showed exceptional penetration. Duvnjak, the ex-Yugoslav youth international, was in great touch and combined with Vieri well until injury struck early in the second half. Maher gets better as the years go by and is always ably supported by Prskalo.

At the other end, Cullen, Wilson, Lucchesi and occasionally Boyle and Brown looked in good form, but they must tighten their defence before they can challenge for the top.

Perin's men back on target

Adel. City 3
Wollongong 0

Scorers: Melta, Villani, Northcote.

Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

Crowd: about 2,000.

Referee: D. Campbell 9.

ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson 8, Russell 8, Flounders 6, Bonfield 9, B. Nyakhus 8 — Marasch 8, Maltis 8, Dods 8 — J. Nyakhus 9, Villani 7, Northcote 8.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7 — Ainsworth 7, Vlastos 6, Dunne 7, Bertagna 7 — Gaffney 6, Treddnick 6, Adams 7 — O'Connor 6, Cotton 6, Foster 6 (Flaming 68th).

Three second half goals guided Adelaide City to a com-



Meno Toutsidis

going at Olympic Sports field.

The goals from Sergio Melta, Charlie Villani and Brian Northcote ended Adelaide City's losing streak of five matches.

Meanwhile, Wollongong had its five-match winning run broken.

Wollongong offered stubborn resistance in the first half

which had trouble breaking down the defence. City, which has made its worst start in the PSL, looked a lot better under new coach John Perin.

The opening goal came in the 49th minute when Melta took full advantage of goalkeeper Natch Vardareff's hesitancy to slam the ball into the bottom left-hand corner.

The goal ignited Adelaide City who threatened to overwhelm Wollongong who were relying on Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton for a breakthrough.

But Wollongong felt further behind when Villani slammed the ball past Vardareff in the 74th minute.

Northcote added the third two minutes from the end

longing defence and lashed the ball into the net.

O'Connor and Cotton battled hard for Wollongong, despite the hopeless cause but found it hard to penetrate City's tight defence.

Wollongong also got good service from defenders Arno Bertagna, Chris Dunne and Geoff Ainsworth who did a fine job of curbing City in the first half.

Adelaide City's goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson had a relatively comfortable afternoon and spent most of the match plucking high balls and crosses.

The defeat was Wollongong's second in Adelaide this season.

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Mackinnon kept Brennan out

The claim to fame of West Adelaide recruit Mick Brennan is that he had one full appearance for Manchester City.

Brennan 17, joined the Mine Road playing staff in December 1969 as an apprentice. City won both the European Cup Winners' Cup and Football League Cup that season, so consequently opportunities for newcomers were strictly limited.

However, in his initial season with the reserves he finished as the Centre-Left League's leading goalscorer. City decided to loan Brennan to neighboring Stockport County of the Fourth Division. Here he made 18 appearances and scored three goals for a side which finished second from the bottom of the ladder.

Upon returning to City, he finally made the starting line-up for the first team at Wolverhampton Wanderers in March, 1973. His teammates that day

read like a Who's Who of post-war City greats including Joe Corrigan, Tony Book, Willie Donachie, Colin Bell, Francis Lee and Rodney Marsh.

Unfortunately, what should have been a career highlight transpired to be a nightmare. Wolves, with Derek Dougan, John Richards and Frank Munro to the fore, won 5-1.

That proved to be Brennan's last taste of First Division football and six months later he was bound for Rochdale on a free transfer.

At 19 years of age his peak was behind him! Rochdale finished rock bottom of the Third Division that season with 21 points.

It was the recruitment of Bob Mountford, later with Newcastle KB United, from Port Vale, which condemned the Lancastrian to reserve team football once again. Man-

ager Dick Connor, a former teammate at Manchester City, decided that Brennan would have to be the man who made way for consistent goal scorer Mountford.

The writing now was on the wall and in June 1975 Brennan was given another free transfer and after 50 league games and seven goals he drifted into semi-professional soccer.

The past six years' service Norwich City is to tour the Caribbean for a week, late this month on a trip sponsored by a travel company.

*** Tony Woodcock, England striker, is reported to have had another clash with Cologne's Belgian coach Rinus Michels. As the former Nottingham Forest player's contract expires with the German club this summer there is likely to be renewed bids by both Arsenal and Manchester United to bring him back to the U.K. Everton also is interested in Woodcock.

has been seen with Macclesfield Town, Northwich Victoria, Oswestry Town, Witton Albion and Stalybridge Celtic. Twice he was the subject of \$1,600 transfers.

Since moving to Adelaide, Brennan has hardly set the Murray alight, and it was only the recent injury to Robbie Dunn that gave Brennan a position — at centre back.

Cesar Menotti, the Argentine World Cup boss, has recalled 26-year-old striker Jorge Valdano back from Real Zaragoza in Spain for a month's trial in his World Cup squad. Menotti has been up front as his 1978 World Cup stars Rene Houseman and Oscar Ortiz have fallen completely out of favour.

*** Bayern Munich has asked the West German F.A. to insure the legs of Paul Breitner and Karl Heinz Rummenigge at \$1,500,000 each for the World Cup.

Doherty: taxis no longer, Paul Kay gets respect

Where are they now? What are yesterday's stars doing today?

That always is a topic which interests me and a recent news snippet from the UK stirred such thoughts anew.

The snippet was about Tony Barton who just has been appointed manager of Aston Villa.

I used to play with Barton at Fulham in the 1960's.

We were part of a very strong first team squad comprising big — name stars like England captain Johnny Haynes, plus other England internationals, goalkeeper Tony Macdonald, full backs George Cohen and Jim Langley, mid-



Mike Johnson

fielders Roy Bentley, Eddie Lowe and Alan Mullery.

Additional to them were Eire international Robin Lawler and Scottish international striker Graham Leys.

Plus the inimitable Jimmy Hill of television fame. Tony Barton, along with former Melbourne Slavia star John Doherty and myself were all youngsters making up the balance of the squad.

Barton, Doherty and myself stayed together for four years at Fulham, winning our fair share of first team games before Doherty moved to Australia, closely followed by myself and I lost touch with Barton.

Langley (non-league) Lowe (North County) Bentley (Reading/Swansea) Hill (Coventry) Haynes (Fulham) Mullery (Brighton/Charlton Athletic) all went into coaching and management, but I never thought that the quiet Barton would have the temperament to first of all want to become a coach and then be able to survive in such a competitive profession.

In the close season just ended I visited England and went along to Fulham which now is in the Third Division, following a steady decline from those heady days in the 60's when Fulham was a First Division force and a club with a quaint, family atmosphere all of its own.

They told me that George Goben was in failing health with cancer, Haynes was in South Africa, Leggett in Canada, and of course Hill could be found anywhere from Saudi Arabia, Coventry, or London as he pursues his career as the David Frost of soccer.

I met John Doherty at his home near Esher, a pleasant outer London suburb.

He showed me some of his press clippings from his Slavia days and also some from his days at South Coast United where he and I got together again to play under Jim Kelly. (now with Wollongong City).

Doherty is a self employed accountant these days, smokes a pipe, wears a moustache and gives the appearance of the respectable business professional he is.

In his Melbourne days he drove a taxi truck.

Now he is relying on a merger with a Rugby League team, which has moved to London from the north of England.

Fulham Rugby League side plays every second game in the north of England, the home of English Rugby League, which is not played in any other part of the country.

The Fulham Rugby League section was doing reasonably well, attracting gates of between 5,000 — 7,000 which is almost on a par with the soccer team which is chasing promotion this year into the Second Division under former South Melbourne Hellas soccer player, Malcolm Macdonald.

Macdonald was very rushed with office work and had little time to spare for me other than a brief chat about his Australian days whereas Mullery, who appears much more of a track suit manager at Charlton, talked at length when I met him at "The Valley".

He exuded praise about Wollongong youngster Paul Kay and I knew the boy would be signed even though at that time he still was only on trial.

The praise for Blacktown City full back Robert Wheatley was more muted, but Mullery and his chief coach, Ken Craggs, another former Fulham player of my era, praised the dedication of the two boys.

"I wish we had more like them over here," said Craggs. Mullery was most impressed with Kay's ability to run at players with the ball from midfield.

"We don't do that anymore over here," he said.

"The coaches are coaching all of the dribbling and turning ability out of our players, from schoolboy level upwards."

Mullery did well at Brighton, but still was not retained when his contract ran out, even though he had taken the club from the Third to the First Division.

I played at Brighton myself, before my Fulham days, and there was a manager there then, Billy Lane, who was allowed eight years to get Brighton out of the Third Division into the Second.

These days he might only be allowed eight months.

With these changes have come the monetary pressures which forever will tinge the pockets of Tony Barton as long as he sits in the hot seat of the manager's chair at Aston Villa.

I wish him well.

Shoulder speaks out on Institute

What does the Australian Institute of Sport mean to our soccer? To find out, I conducted the following interview with A.I.S. coach Tim Shoulder.

Q. How has the Institute team been going?

A. In our touring matches, we beat South Australia 3-0 and the following night we lost 2-0 to Western Australia. We beat Queensland 2-1, beat Canberra Arrows 5-1, and then drew with the ACT side 2-2. Victoria's the only organised State side we haven't played yet. We've played about 10 league games and we've won four, drawn two and lost four.

Q. What will the \$120,000 sponsorship from Kimberley Clark be spent on?

A. Unfortunately, most of it has got to go into the pool for the Institute, mainly because we've had a cutback in the general budget. Part of the charter is that we make up a certain percentage of our budget from private sources. Our \$30,000 for the year, plus tennis \$30,000, and swimming \$30,000, in fact, doesn't go directly to the sport, it goes into the pool. But we do, in fact, get extra because it means that at least we have a major sponsor who back us, and one with a bit of clout, and it has enabled us to get equipment and it has enabled us to put forward a more rational programme. So, although we might not get \$30,000 worth, we can get a better programme out of it because money has come forward with our name on it. We still might have got an increase in our programme, but not to the same extent as we've got, because it's our sponsor.

Q. What are you trying to do with your lads?

A. The first five years are going to be trial and error. Basically, what we're looking at is to help to develop the Australian youth side, and to bring as many players as possible through the In-

TASMANIAN SCENE

Ambrosino's a hit back home



A.I.S. coach Jim Shoulder (right) with Steve Darby, State Coach of Tasmania.

stitute into senior football. In our squad we've got a kid from Mareeba, a kid from Cairns, one from Hobart, one from Tamworth. All of these could eventually get into the Phillips League, as Angelo Ambrosino has done. Now, if he had stayed in Hobart and hadn't come to the Institute, he would have played all his football down here and would never have had the opportunity to play at top level and, maybe, his place at Canberra would have been taken by an overseas player.

Q. How do you think clubs would feel about one of their promising youngsters coming to the Institute?

A. It just depends on the level at which a kid plays. Realistically, if you play in an inferior league and you've got a good player, you ought to expect to lose him. If not, then you're not being fair to the player. People forget that football in this country is part-time and yet they like to model their clubs on European professional clubs. Our kids at the Institute are as fulltime as any club in this country and they haven't got the pressure of having to make the first team or being ignored by the coach because he's too busy with his first team. They have the freedom to play just for the Institute and they're in the unique position of being able to get experience that no other young players in Australia can get. There are no other young players in Australia who have played in Perth, Adelaide, Griffith, Hobart, Devonport, Newcastle, all places where we've played. Plus, we're going overseas later in the year.

A very skillful, ball-playing right winger, Forster always seemed to promise much but, at the end of the day, one couldn't help feeling that he hadn't quite reached the form of which he had passed on responsibility instead of carrying it himself.

Things have changed. Forster's displays have been more mature, more confident, more controlled. The goal he scored against Hobart City early this year was an example of the 'new' Forster. Receiving the ball in the penalty area, Forster kept his cool, and the ball, and threaded his way past several defenders before sticking the chance away.

Perhaps his recent trials with Frankston City in Victoria have something to do with it.

Trialling with Frankston obviously gave the youngster another view of the game.

"They're much better organised on the mainland and much more serious than here in Tasmania", he says. He would love to give the mainland another go in a few years' time but, at the moment, he has a secure job locally in advertising.

Born in New Zealand, Forster came to Tasmania as a young boy and learnt his soccer here. But it wasn't so much through young teams as through personal endeavour. "The junior set-up is a lot better now than it was when I was at school but I did a lot of training myself. I always had a ball with me".

It came as a pleasant surprise to most spectators at the recent Tasmanian-Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) match in Hobart to see Angelo Ambrosino, the Canberra City defender, playing for the AIS team.

Last year, while at the Institute himself, Ambrosino played for Tasmania and absolutely shone in a match against the Victorian Youth XI at Olympic Park Tasmania, inspired by Ambrosino, won that game 2-0.

After spending last year at

the AIS, Ambrosino, 20 was sold to Canberra City by his Hobart club, Juventus-Pioneer Canberra City released him for Tasmania's game against the AIS and the feature was welcomed by Tasmanians as it gave them the opportunity of seeing how one of the State's brightest prospects for many years has progressed.

Ambrosino has, at the time of writing, played eight senior games with Canberra City. "I'm finding it good. They're a great bunch of guys to play with. George Murray is a good coach with work with and training is good. He has different ideas all the time."

Born in Naples, Ambrosino came to Australia when he was five. He first started at Juventus in their under 15 side. He spent five seasons with the club, progressing through the junior teams to the senior side, where he was voted 'player of the year' in 1980.

A midfielder with Juventus, Ambrosino plays full-back with Canberra. "When I was playing in midfield, I seemed to get lost a bit, just disappear out of the game. But at fullback I've got everything in front of me and it's going well. I'm really enjoying it."

He has also become much tougher, physically, since leaving Tasmania and this, combined with his immense skill, makes him twice the player he was.

Indeed, on March 17 he was chosen in 'Soccer Action's' PSL Team of the Week.

"I suppose George Murray has drilled toughness into us. We have to get in there and have a go, but fairly, of course. It's important to let your opponent know that you're in there, to make your presence felt."

Ambrosino thought it was fantastic to play in Hobart again. "I'd been looking forward to this for the last two weeks and I just couldn't wait."

He is on a one year contract with Canberra and his eventual aim is to try Europe. He would love to have a trial with an Italian club. Judging from the progress he's made so far, he might be in with a chance!

A.I.S. wins 3-2

TASMANIA 2 (S. Kannegiesser 40th., Hey 85th) A.I.S. 3 (Brown 38th., Farina 54th., Jones lin 80th)

TASMANIA: P. Kannegiesser, Willcock, Payne, Nunn, Hey-Forster, Peters, Thomas (Gonsalvi), S. Kannegiesser, Smith, Oakes.

A.I.S.: Frankon-Mihelidic, De Marigny, Young, (Barnett), Jones-Ambrosino, Ferguson, Fabrizio, Boyd-Brown, Farina.

"It was good entertainment. There was a lot of good football in it, there was a lot of excitement in it, there were five goals, there was no dissent, there was no dirtiness. It was a good entertaining night's football which, for me, was a good advertisement for the game". This was how Jimmy Stewart, coach of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) team, summed up his side's 3-2 win against Tasmania's 'State of Origin' team at Grove Road in Hobart.

It was the State's first defeat in four matches but there was much consolation. Two of the AIS team were home-grown boys. There was Luciano Fabrizio of Hobart Juventus, who joined the Institute this season, and there was 'guest player', Angelo Ambrosino, also formerly of Hobart Juventus but now with Canberra City. Ambrosino spent last year at the Institute and is now a regular in the Canberra PSL side.

15 years with Croatia

Liverpool-born Alastair Payne (pictured) 29, is an institution at Tasmania Southern State League Club, Glenorchy-Croatia. He has played with the club for 15 years and is a life member.

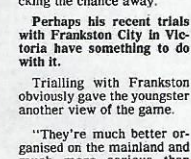
Alastair came to Tasmania with his family when he was eight and after playing with Glenorchy State School and Elizabeth High, he joined Croatia reserves at age 13.

IT took him four years to make the first team. In 1970 he was in the senior squad, but in and out of the actual team. He rates that side as the best Croatia team he has seen in his years with the club.

"It was hard to get into the side then," said Alastair. "That team, with players such as Hall, Udovicic, Nadinic and Fiamengo, would have wiped most teams of today".



Having established himself in the first team in 1971, Payne never looked back. As a defender, he has been an evergreen in the side and has won numerous cups and two State premierships with Croatia. Payne was twice runner-up in the Rothmans Gold Medal award, in 1974 and 1979.



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Croydon's \$160,000 man

by PAUL MOON

It is indicative of English soccer's precarious financial state that an ever-increasing number of players are being released on free transfers who would, in normal times, command a respectable fee.

Today many clubs no longer are in a position to pay the wages of unwanted players, while awaiting cash offers which they know are unlikely to materialise in a money-starved market.

Thus Croydon (Vic) has obtained, cost free, Ian Dobson, who was valued at \$160,000 just two years ago.

This was the figure Hull City sought when Dobson initially requested a move from the club he had served for five years. Within a few months the asking price was slashed to \$30,000, but Hereford United finally acquired him on a free.

The strong, tough tackling player had made 92 league appearances and scored seven goals for his home side.

A contemporary of Ringwood Wilhelmshausen, Dave Gibson, he also played alongside Jeff Wealdens, Peter Daniel, David Roberts, Ken Wagstaff, John Hawley and Billy Bremner whilst in "The Tigers" colours.

Hereford billed Dobson as its star close season signing as the 1980-81 campaign started but, unfortunately, he proved disappointing performances for the Fourth Division outfit and was replaced by promising local boy Stuart Corrie.

That was the beginning of the end for Dobson's English League aspirations and he has spent most of the past 12 months on Hereford's free transfer list, before deciding to move to Melbourne with his wife and two children.

320 players in Uni. tournament

The Inter varsity Soccer Championships for men and women will be hosted by Melbourne University from May 8 to 14.

This tournament is recognised as a first-class national competition by the A.S.F. and the following universities are sending teams: Queensland, Griffith, New England, Sydney, NSW, Macquarie, Newcastle, ANU, LaTrobe, Monash, Deakin, Tasmania. With Melbourne, this involves 13 universities, and about 320 participants.

NSW is the defending champion, having defeated Melbourne 1-0 in last year's final in Newcastle. This year's competitions are expected to be still more keenly fought.

In addition, the organisers provide a busy entertainment programme and it promises to be highly successful.

Matches will be played on campus at Melbourne University, and at Princes Park. The competition will also give selectors an opportunity to pick an Australian representative team.

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Bob Provan, Sammy Wright to Northcote

Heidelberg stopper Bob Provan and Hellenas midfielder Sammy Wright have been signed by struggling State League Northcote and as we went to press we expected Makedonia defender Mike Rainey to also sign with Jim Kriaris's team.

Northcote also is interested in signing former Slavia midfielder Cliff Whiteside, recently returned from a stint with Queensland State League club Townsville.

There's little doubt that had Kriaris been forced to keep his threadbare squad intact without reinforcements then he would have been staring relegation squarely in the face. Even with the calibre of Northcote's new signings the club faces a fight to push itself up the league ladder.

The new-look Northcote runs into Ken Kontra's Croydon side bubbling over with enthusiasm after its fighting 1-0 defeat of State League champion Ajax.

Croydon goes into the game as favorite but I'm tipping the Northerners to hold out for a point at John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

Ringwood Wilhelmnia, fresh from its first win of the season and (so the coach tells me) angered by my comments in last week's State League preview, faces up to Juventus at Jubilee Park on Saturday.

There's no telling what coach Tony Boggi will do if Fabio Incantato continues to miss gilt edged chances like the ones he missed against Sunshine.

From a coaching point of view Boggi's hands are tied tightly behind his back as his players don't have adequate light to train under and shooting practice at training is about as common as McDonald's posters in Jack Hamilton's house.

I've tipped Juventus to win. If Ringwood players construe my selection as evidence of my 'dislike' of them then the Victorian State coach, a well known soccer photographer, the editor of this publication and a former Soccerweek winger also 'dislike' Ringwood.

There's nothing Carl Gilder would like more than to lead George Cross to victory against his former club Croatia at Olympic Park No.1 ground on Sunday.

I don't think though that Gilder will be on the winning side.

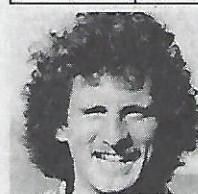
An interesting feature of the game will be the clash between Gilder and his old mate Steve Kokoska, Croatia's rugged stopper.

Sean Parton is in great form for Croatia and he's the man



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

	R'wood v Juve	Ajax v Doves	N'cote v Croydon	Croatia v G.Cross	Polonia v Albion	S'shine v H.Hat.	Falcons v Frank'n
TIM WHITE	Juve	Ajax	Draw	Croatia	Polonia	S'shine	Falcons
LAURIE SCHWAB	Juve	Ajax	Croydon	Croatia	Polonia	S'shine	Falcons
CRAIG MACKENZIE	Juve	Ajax	Draw	Croatia	Draw	S'shine	Falcons
BILL YOLITEK	Juve	Ajax	Croydon	Croatia	Polonia	S'shine	Falcons
LES SHORROCK	Juve	Ajax	Draw	Croatia	Draw	S'shine	Falcons



Sammy Wright

likely to be given the task of looking after Bobby Toal.

Dashing Cross winger Paul Gambin could run into another of Croatia's consistent defenders in former Juventus full back Tony Curcio who in a few short weeks has become a crowd favorite of Croatia's fans.

Croatia has a three point jump on its rivals in the race for this year's championship and it should preserve its lead on Sunday.

The Falcons were thrashed in their opening State League game and looked to be about five players below the required standard.

Since coach Dave O'Connor has reverted to a 4-4-2 formation with experienced Noel Mitten and Richie McClinton up front and two wingers flanking the midfield quartet he has

had every reason to smile. Even president Don de Fabrizio is excited about the suddenly brightening prospects of his team.

For the first time this season all five "Soccer Action" tipsters have selected Falcons to win on the weekend. Not that that's any cause to celebrate down Lettrob Valley way. A couple of our tipsters easily could double as weather forecasters.

The Sunshine V Hellas-Hakoah clash at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday is crucial to the top four aspirations of both sides.

I've gone for Sunshine to win. The Shiners' threat from set piece situations and the team spirit evidenced by their off-the-ball running for each other could earn an invaluable victory.

If Ajax doesn't beat Doveton at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday then some of the silly rumors circulating about friction in the green and white camp could bear some serious investigation.

Polonia and Albion Rovers renew old rivalries at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

These teams fought their way out of Metro ranks last year and should put on a fiery contested battle on Sunday.

Brothers to clash

FRANKSTON 1 (Holford) RINGWOOD WILHELMINIA 3 (Stewart, Thom, Hoyland).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 5 - Whiteside 7, Drinacich 7, Stewart 7, Pys 7 - Gonsalves 6, Holford 6, Tait 5 - Gaby 5, Jay Mitchell 7(8), Wall 6, Buchanan 7. WILHELMINIA: Barclay 8 - Pasman 6, Brooks 7, Luyten 7, McDermott 5 - Gibson 5, Trant 5, Thom 8 (Burton 7(8)) - Hoyland 8, Carroll 8, Stewart 8.

English import Pat O'Connor arrived on the weekend and is a likely starter in Frankston's line-up for its game with Morwell Falcons on Sunday.

If O'Connor plays, Sunday's clash will assume a unique family twist as brother Dave O'Connor is the coach of Falcons.

Frankston still is keen to sell midfielder Carl Holford. South Melbourne Hellas and Canberra are interested. If the Baysiders sell Holford they can buy dissident Slavia midfielder Paul Cooke. Holford's departure also would open up a vacancy for an overseas visa player and there are at least two strikers in the UK keen to sign with Frankston.

The Baysiders led Wilhelmnia for just over a minute at Centenary Park on Sunday.

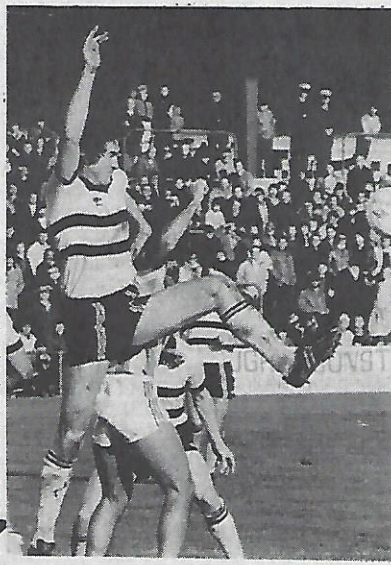
That's right, Sunday. Not on Saturday as every soccer journalist in this state was led to believe.

Holford played a one-two with Bill Buchanan in the 12th minute and from just inside the Wilhelmnia area scored with a low shot.

A minute later Wilhelmnia worked the ball down its right side. Don Pasman, new UK import Joe Carroll and Dave Hoyland were involved and Hoyland's cross in behind the Frankston defence was tapped in by Ken Stewart from about four metres out. Inexplicably, David Gilbert, Frankston's keeper, stayed on his line as Hoyland's cross came over.

Two minutes later Mike de Bruycker's side hit the front. Graham Tutill's headed clearance fell to Brian Thom who volleyed a fierce shot home from about 15 metres out.

The home side's fate was sealed just 10 minutes from time when Carroll headed on to Hoyland who neatly slotted the ball past Gilbert from about 10 metres.



Bob Provan in action for Heidelberg-Alexander - he'll bolster the Northcote defence

This week: SATURDAY Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Juventus at Jubilee Park, 2.45pm. SUNDAY Northcote v Doveton at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm. Northcote v George Cross at Olympic Park No.1, 3pm. Croatia v Albion Rovers at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm. Sunshine v Hellas-Hakoah at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm. Morwell Falcons v Frankston at North Crinigen Reserve 3pm.

Van Baar and Mitten sink Rovers

ALBION ROVERS 1 (McMillan 80th) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Van Baar 63rd), Mitten 72nd).

ALBION: Lacey 6, Cutler 6, Nisbet 7, Munro 5 (S. McMillan 80th), Reilly 7, Fergie 7, Murphy 6, D'Sylva 6, Smart 6, Spittal 5 (Coyle 60th).

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7, Smart 6, Nall 6, Irvine 7, Higham 7, Daniels 5 (Diggle 60th), O'Callaghan 6, Perkins 6, McClinton 6, Mitten 6, Van Baar 6 (Leckie 60th).

In a match where the two teams were always going to come off second-best to the conditions, Morwell Falcons adapted the better and in the end ran out convincing winners.

Rovers dominated the opening phase, playing with a near-gale force wind behind them, in fact 20 minutes had gone by before Falcons managed to get the ball into Rover territory.

With a half-time score of 0-0, Rovers had nothing to show for their efforts, only once coming close to scoring when their best forward, Ken Smart, dashed clear, only to be thwarted at point-blank range by a good save from the alert Billy Whiteside.

Frank Munro, obviously

unfit, replaced himself with Steve McMillan for the second half, but the Rovers had surrendered the initiative, and Falcons took the lead when Tony Van Baar scored easily after a good effort by Johnny O'Callaghan had been charged down.

That was in the 63rd minute and nine minutes later, the bemused Albion defence allowed a harmless-looking long cross from substitute Tommy Leckie to find its way right across to the far post where the lurking Noel Mitten pounced with great glee to complete Albion's discomfort.

Albion woke up then and attacked more vigorously, but although Steve McMillan nodded home a Mick D'Sylva cross in the 80th minute, it was too late.

Billy Whiteside and his defenders kept their cool, and the two points were on their way to Morwell long before the final whistle.

— LES SHORROCK

George Bozikis leads

Ametco Travel is the sponsor of our prestigious State League Player of the Year award. The winner will receive a trip to the 1993 English FA Cup final or the country of his choice in Europe, flying Thai International.

Three votes are awarded to the best player of each club in every State League game. These votes are awarded on the basis of "Soccer Action" ratings and the judgement of the opposition coach. This voting format was arrived at by the State League management committee.

The best players from each club for last weekend's game were:

Juventus v Sunshine: Vince Bannon (J), Rob Gernsberger (S).

Albion Rovers v Morwell Falcons: Ken Smart (AR), John O'Callaghan (MF).

Hellas-Hakoah v Croatia: Lou Talaris (H-H), Peter Blasby (C).

George Cross v Northcote: Hugh McCann (GC), Alex Nelson (N).

Frankston v Ringwood Wilhelmnia: Graham Tutill (F), Dave Gibson (RW).

Croydon v Ajax: Mick Edwards (C), Gerry Bennett (A).

Doveton v Polonia: Mike McIvor (D), Marion Jaworski (P).

Northcote's versatile George Bozikis leads the award with nine votes. No less than nine players are tied for second spot on six votes.

Ametco Travel also is sponsoring our State League Top Scorer award.

The leading sharpshooter for the 1992 league season wins a trip to Singapore flying Thai International.

Croatia's talented striker David Brogan leads with five goals to his name.

Webster lifts Doves

DOVETON 1 (Webster) POLONIA 1 (Przybyla)

POLONIA: Dziadoszowski 7 - Klein 7, A. Czapiuk 6, Jaworski 7, Lipinski 7 - Innes 6, P. Czapiuk 6, Przybyla 6 - Letic 6 (Khorl 70th), Przybyla 6, Marshall 6. DOVETON: Ivanoff 6 - Thorlow 6, Cooke 7, Merrick 7, J. Dapuria 6.

— McIvor 3, H. Andrews 7, J. Train 7 - C. Middleton 6, Webster 3, Quin 8.

Staan Webster, signed by Doveton from Hellas-Hakoah for \$2,500 last Friday, marked his debut with a goal which gave the Doves their first point of the season.

The diminutive Scot also went close with a header which hit the bar early in the game as the Doves opened up at a cracking pace.

Five minutes into the match elusive Doveton winger Alan Quin scored only to have the goal ruled out because of Webster standing in an offside position.

However, the tenacious Webster was on hand later to put the Doves a goal up when Mike McIvor's clever backheel at the near post from Quin's low, driven corner, allowed Webster to slam the ball in from close range.

Polonia weathered Doveton's early storm and came back into the game with a 30th minute equaliser.

Marion Jaworski found Andy Czapiuk with a long clearance. Czapiuk sent big Alex Marshall through down the right and the tall Polonia star crossed for experienced Janusz Przybyla whose 15 metre shot levelled the scoreline.

Both sides had chances to win in an exciting second half but had to settle for a share of the spoils at the day's end.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

Croatia	11	10	13	55
Juventus	11	7	4	7
Sunshine	2	8	3	7
Morwell Falcons	11	9	1	7
Ajax	3	2	10	3
Hellas-Hakoah	3	2	7	3
Geo Cross	3	2	8	6
Croydon	3	2	2	8
Polonia	2	12	8	6
Albion Rovers	12	10	4	4
Wilhelmnia	11	3	12	3
Northcote	1	4	14	2
Doveton	0	14	2	1
Frankston	0	14	3	13

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GEORGE CROSS 2 (Rigby, Toal) NORTH COTE 0

GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 7 — Morgan 7, McCallum 7, Lawson 8, McKinlay 8 — McCann 9, T. Vella 7, Rigby 8 — Gambin 7, Toal 6, Gilder 6.

NORTH COTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Nelson 8, Boukila 8, Kataridis 6, Petrov 6 — Koukassas 8 (Krykalis 60th), Panchuk 6, Rujovic 6 (C. Nibet 60th), Fekes 7 — Sahlidis 6, Kokkalis.

George Cross supporters raised \$10,000 last week and bought striker Carl Gilder from Croatia.

Gilder was one of six Croatia stars transfer-listed last November and recently he appealed unsuccessfully against his \$12,000 transfer fee.

The probable game plan of George Cross coach Tony Vella will be to use Gilder as a target man with Bobby Toal working off of him. Last Sunday, against Northcote, Vella used Paul Gambin, essentially a right-sided player, as the third striker out wide.

Former Northcote keeper "Rocky" Tachris was playing against his former side just three weeks after signing with George Cross but the Northerners were incapable of severely testing Tachris.

Tony Vella's through ball in the 54th minute sent former Mooroolbark, Adelaide City



Carl Gilder

and Hakoah midfielder Dave Rigby through into a one-on-one situation with Northcote keeper John Giannopoulos. Rigby beat the advancing Giannopoulos by slipping the ball under the young keeper's body.

Hugh McCann was reveling in midfield for Cross and he helped seal Northcote's fate in the 75th minute when he played the ball down the left to Toal. The Cross striker beat one opponent and from a tight angle only four metres out hammered the ball into the roof of the net.

Northcote played with only two up front, Ulysses Kokkios and Jim Sahlidis. Both strikers played wide but the Northerners were unable to get midfielders far enough forward to create problems for the Cross defence.

McCluskey, McNeil sent off

Metro Third Division club Prahran City signed Slavia stopper Liam Houston late last week for \$300.

Houston played in Prahran's 1-1 draw away from home against Eltham on Saturday.

Another Third Division club, Yallourn, also dipped into the transfer market last week. The Latrobe Valley club signed Paul Thompson from neighbouring Morwell Falcons.

The former Melbourne and Sandringham City midfielder was signed as player and assistant coach of Yallourn for just \$300, the maximum transfer fee clause in his contract with Falcons.

Last weekend's Metro First Division clashes were highlighted by the sending off of Kew City's Danny McCluskey in a tough game against Frankston Pines.

Former Hakoah midfielder Ian McNeil was another to get his marching orders. McNeil lasted just 38 minutes in Knox City's 4-2 defeat by Richmond.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
BELL PARK 0 BOX HILL 2 (Vorechka, Patterson)
BELL PARK: Scholten, Thomp-

son, Munoz, McKenna, Harman, Orr, McIntyre, McCarthy, (Prutty 65 min), Skuz, Wark, (Imolevski 38 min), Babic.

BOX HILL: Hearn, I. Roodhouse, A. Roodhouse, Gellatly, Lawler, Ramon, Valentine Tolmie, Vorechka, Patterson, Hughes.

"We must not get too euphoric," said Box Hill coach Bill Murray after the match.

The first half was fought at a furious pace with no quarter being asked or given. Captain coach Ian McCarthy was always prominent in midfield for the Parkers, prodding and probing for an opening in the Hills defence, but with Ian Roodhouse imposing an iron grip on Zoran Babic and younger brother Alan doing a similar job on Ashley McIntyre on the other flank, Bell Park were forced to direct most of their attacks down the centre of the ground through the lively Les Skuz.

However, apart from the first fifteen minutes, 15 year old centre half John Gabrielson ably assisted by sweeper Donovan Lawler, coped with the situation with all the aplomb of a seasoned veteran.

The second half was a different picture altogether. It was not until the 77th minute that the visitors were able to convert their territorial advantage into something more tangible. Ray Tolmie's corner from the left was half cleared, and Ian Roodhouse latching onto the ball 30 metres out appeared to be about to crash it back into the goalmouth.

The home side's defence compacted to block the path to goal, but instead of driving it Roodhouse laid the ball back to Tolmie wide on the left. The ex-Dundee midfielder hit the ball low and firmly back across the goal and Vorechka atoned for his previous misfortune turning it neatly past Scholten into the corner of the net from close range.

Bell Park made a determined effort to equalise but were unable to beat Craig Hearn, and in the 86th minute the Hillmen increased their lead.

Tolmie disappointed Danny Ortiz in midfield and carried the ball to the edge of the Bell Park area, before releasing it to Scott Patterson who slotted home from 15 metres with Scholten helpless.

KNOX CITY 2 (House, Gerrich) RICHMOND 4 (Vukovic, W. Groenwald, G. Groenwald, Bear)

KNOX: J. Kennedy, Allison (Murray 80th), Smith, Dizon, Rod, Smith, Gerrich, T. McNeil, Crompton, Lashell, House (Robertson 80th).

RICHMOND: Kias, Skinner, E. Groenwald, Streubinger, Brewster, Ruttner, Koutos, G. Groenwald, W. Groenwald, S. Welland.

Best Players: Knox: Crompton, Gerrich, House, Richmond: Kias, Welland Vukovic.

Knox went two goals down within 10 minutes.

John Kennedy was caught off his line for the first goal then four Knox defenders stood ball watching for the second goal. On both occasions Richmond were given open goals.

Knox replied through House after a good cross from the right wing then Ian McNeil's poor back pass in the 27th minute allowed Gary Groenwald to put Richmond 3-1 up.

McNeil was sent off 11 minutes later.

Gerrich converted an 80th minute penalty awarded after a foul on Duncan Smith but two minutes later Daryl Beer restored Richmond's two goal lead.

MORELAND 4 (P. Constantino) SLAVIA 1 (Levia pad)

MORELAND: Vasilou, McDonald, Cochran, Waters, C. Constantino, Les, Paulo, Nodoly, Tennant, P. Constantino, Avastina.

SLAVIA: Hammond, Anderson, Valenzuela, Baaz, Ortiz, Petros, Rubio, Levia, Jurina, Barrera, Cardona.

Best Players: Moreland: P. Constantino, Paulo, Vasilou, Levia; Jurina, Petros, Levia.

Moreland opened the scoring after 10 minutes when Alan Lee scored a full back and crossed for Peter Constantino to rise high and head home.

A goalkeeping fumble 15 minutes later was punished by Peter Constantino once more and just 10 minutes into the second half Constantino notched his hat-trick.

Int he 65th minute Levia scored from the penalty spot for Slavia but Constantino restored Moreland's three goal lead with a header.

The young Moreland striker scored his fifth goal late in the game but blasted over the bar from he penalty spot.

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WEST GEELONG: Brough, Dimouk, G. Georgioulis, Tzazakis, G. Georgioulis, Tzazakis, V. Stojanovski, B. Stojanovski, Nestorovski, C. Stojanovski, T. Stojanovski.

SELECTIONS
METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Key City v FAWNER, Richmond v BOX HILL, MORELAND v Duncraig Rovers.

Sunday: WESTERN SUBURBS v Albion Gate, BELL PARK v Albion City, KELLOR, Austria v Knox City (draw), Slavia v FRANKTON PINES.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: SPRINGVALE City v Andar, Haidj Unged v Dandenong City (draw), STH MESH v HANLEY RANGERS (draw), Fentres Gully v Mountie J.U.S.T. v MELBOURNE, Waverley v Broadmeadows (draw), RINGWOOD UTD SERBIA v Haidj Unged, Bundoora, ST ALBANS DIAMOND v Warrabe.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: PRAHRAN City v THOMASTOWN, MORNINGTON v Eltham, RUTLAND City v Coburg, Sandery v PORT MELBOURNE, RUHAWARDING City v Carle, YALLOUR v North Dandenong, BRIGHAM v Kyneton.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: SANDRINGHAM City v Monash Utd, NTH GEELONG v Chelsea, St Oakleigh v Hanley Ranges (draw), Fentres Gully v Mountie J.U.S.T. v GEELONG, v ESSENDON THURSTON, Moorook v Caulfield (draw), ROSEBUD v Geelong/Growth.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: JARRAVILLE Utd v Belmont, Hockmore v Melton (draw), SHEPPARTON City v Carlton, HAWTHORN v East Brunswick, Nunawading Utd v Clayton (draw), St Yarra v LANG WARRIOR, Latrobe Utd v RESANA.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: BULLEEN v Ruyter, Berwick City v YARRAVILLE, West Melbourne v TONN HILL, CRANBOURNE v Melton City, ABBOTSFORD TASSA v Moe Utd, Mooroolbark v CENTRAL CITY, BORNIA v Kyneton.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: SPRINGVALE Utd v Paces Vics, BENT Utd v Yarram, BATHURST LAGO v Hb Melbourne, ROSEBUD, HANLEY v East Carlton, Sandford v Hailford Park (draw), MURUMBIDEENA v Nth Soudan, Ascut Utd v DINGLEY.

AMATEUR LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Sunday: MELBOURNE UNIT v Lashed Utd, LYDIALE v Cadelton, Menden Park PARKMORE, POSTEL INSTITUTE v Bundoora, Belvedere v MACCARI HAKOAH, Hsa Utd v Endeavour Hills (draw), Introla Utd v BALWYN CITY.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday: Concordia v EPPING THURSTLE, Mulgrave v PACE, Hockmore v WEST Utd, Waverley Utd, KODDING RANGERS v Royal Melb. Institute, Waverley v Diamond Creek (draw), St Barnard v BARKER, Mill park v GEELONG Utd.

SOUTH EAST
Sunday: BOX HILL v Dandenong (kick-off 10 am), St Yarra v SPRINGVALE Utd.

NORTH WEST
Sunday: Mooroolbark v THOMASTOWN, GREENSBURGH v Dandenong City, Carle v Brighton (draw), FAWNER v Jovanna.

Striker available
Chris Livsey, 21, a striker from Barrow and Southport, is in Australia and keen to join a club here.

He is on a 12-month visa. He scored about 20 goals for Barrow in 1980 and 32 for Frenchwood last season.

Cubs interested in signing Livsey can contact him on 763 7542, or through Knox City 763 0038.

State League club Altona Rovers has transfer listed midfielder Mick Wilson at \$1,900 negotiable.

Wilson spent six seasons with Scottish Premier League club Hibernian before playing in South Africa then joining George Cross. The experienced Wilson can be contacted after hours on 311 2033.

Edwards paves way for upset

CROYDON 1 (Nolan) AJAX 0

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"That's the best half of soccer we've played this year," said disbelieving Ajax coach Bobby McCallum, referring to the first half at Croydon Park on Sunday.

However a combination of atrocious finishing and superb goalkeeping from Mick Edwards thwarted Ajax at every hurdle.

The visiting State League champion could have been three goals up in the first 10 minutes.

Ajax bombarded the home side goal but Les Macleod headed wide, compatriot Paul Lewis

and Hakoah midfielder Tachris 7 — Morgan 7, McCallum 7, Lawson 8, McKinlay 8 — McCann 9, T. Vella 7, Rigby 8 — Gambin 7, Toal 6, Gilder 6.

NORTH COTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Nelson 8, Boukila 8, Kataridis 6, Petrov 6 — Koukassas 8 (Krykalis 60th), Panchuk 6, Rujovic 6 (C. Nibet 60th), Fekes 7 — Sahlidis 6, Kokkalis.

George Cross supporters raised \$10,000 last week and bought striker Carl Gilder from Croatia.

Gilder was one of six Croatia stars transfer-listed last November and recently he appealed unsuccessfully against his \$12,000 transfer fee.

The probable game plan of George Cross coach Tony Vella will be to use Gilder as a target man with Bobby Toal working off of him. Last Sunday, against Northcote, Vella used Paul Gambin, essentially a right-sided player, as the third striker out wide.

Former Northcote keeper "Rocky" Tachris was playing against his former side just three weeks after signing with George Cross but the Northerners were incapable of severely testing Tachris.

Tony Vella's through ball in the 54th minute sent former Mooroolbark, Adelaide City

and Hakoah midfielder Dave Rigby through into a one-on-one situation with Northcote keeper John Giannopoulos. Rigby beat the advancing Giannopoulos by slipping the ball under the young keeper's body.

Hugh McCann was reveling in midfield for Cross and he helped seal Northcote's fate in the 75th minute when he played the ball down the left to Toal. The Cross striker beat one opponent and from a tight angle only four metres out hammered the ball into the roof of the net.

Northcote played with only two up front, Ulysses Kokkios and Jim Sahlidis. Both strikers played wide but the Northerners were unable to get midfielders far enough forward to create problems for the Cross defence.

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did likewise with a shot and David Smallman's shot was well saved by Edwards.

Then just 15 minutes into the clash Croydon struck what was to be a decisive blow.

A cross into the Ajax area was cleared to Croydon midfielder Terry Nolan. The former Macedonia player was about 20 metres out and let fly with a shot which was deflected off Alan Bennett's foot past Lou Denys.

Jim Williams added to Ajax's finishing woes when he drove the ball widely over the bar from about six metres out then Macleod broke through onto a one-on-one with Edwards which produced the save of the match. The Croydon keeper reacted in a flash to a hard, right foot drive from Macleod to fingertip the ball just wide.

As the second half progressed Ajax became frustrated and ragged. Croydon looked increasingly dangerous on the break.

Paul Lewis had the best chance of the second half but shot wide when confronted solely by Edwards.

HELLAS-HAKOAH 0 CROATIA 1 (Faulkner)

HELLAS — HAKOAH: Tsigaris 8 — Davidson 7, Hannah 8, Kallifidis 6, Traffanteo 7 — Owen 6, Wilson 7, Cummings 7 — Abrams 6, Pat-sakos 5 (Kakantonis 70th), Rooney 6 (Boz-inovski 75th).

CROATIA: Blasby 9 — Curcio 7, Kokoska 7, Antolovic 6, Parton 8 — Biskic 7, Adams 8, Faulkner 8 — Brogan 8, Latif 6, Murphy 8.

Hellas-Hakoah beat Preston Macedonia for the signature of youngster Vlado Bozinovski last weekend.

The former Slavia winger recently returned from a successful stint in Yugoslavia where he trained with leading First Division club Dinamo Zagreb.

Bozinovski only appeared for the last 15 minutes of Sunday's clash with Croatia but Hellas-Hakoah coach Jim Adam has a high opinion of the youngster and it shouldn't be

long before the winger establishes himself in the first team.

However Sunday's game was particularly frustrating for the Middle Park home side thanks to three superb reaction saves by Croatia keeper Peter Blasby in the second half.

Indeed, during a 10 minute period after half time both sides created more chances than at any other time in the game.

It was Croatia which made one such chance count.

Dave Brogan's free kick sent the ball cannoning against the bar and Jeff Faulkner was following up to neatly tuck the ball past stranded Lou Tsigaris.

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KNOX CITY 2 (House, Gerrich) RICHMOND 4 (Vukovic, W. Groenwald, G. Groenwald, Bear)

KNOX: J. Kennedy, Allison (Murray 80th), Smith, Dizon, Rod, Smith, Gerrich, T. McNeil, Crompton, Lashell, House (Robertson 80th).

RICHMOND: Kias, Skinner, E. Groenwald, Streubinger, Brewster, Ruttner, Koutos, G. Groenwald, W. Groenwald, S. Welland.

Best Players: Knox: Crompton, Gerrich, House, Richmond: Kias, Welland Vukovic.

Knox went two goals down within 10 minutes.

John Kennedy was caught off his line for the first goal then four Knox defenders stood ball watching for the second goal. On both occasions Richmond were given open goals.

Knox replied through House after a good cross from the right wing then Ian McNeil's poor back pass in the 27th minute allowed Gary Groenwald to put Richmond 3-1 up.

McNeil was sent off 11 minutes later.

Gerrich converted an 80th minute penalty awarded after a foul on Duncan Smith but two minutes later Daryl Beer restored Richmond's two goal lead.

MORELAND 4 (P. Constantino) SLAVIA 1 (Levia pad)

MORELAND: Vasilou, McDonald, Cochran, Waters, C. Constantino, Les, Paulo, Nodoly, Tennant, P. Constantino, Avastina.

SLAVIA: Hammond, Anderson, Valenzuela, Baaz, Ortiz, Petros, Rubio, Levia, Jurina, Barrera, Cardona.

Best Players: Moreland: P. Constantino, Paulo, Vasilou, Levia; Jurina, Petros, Levia.

Moreland opened the scoring after 10 minutes when Alan Lee scored a full back and crossed for Peter Constantino to rise high and head home.

All goes wrong for Juventus

JUVENTUS 0 SUNSHINE 0

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 — V. Bannon 8, Davidson 7, P. Bannon (Inq. Garamia 2nd), Hird 7 — G. Bannon 7, Cunningham 6, Swincoe 7 — French 7, Incantulpo 6, Henry 7.

SUNSHINE: Condit 7 — Muzel 7, Lowe 7, Gramsbergen 8, Hallis 7 — Bain 7, Nelson 7, McNally 6 — Muzel 6 (McRobert 80th), Pate 7, Taylor 7.

Fabio Incantulpo, John McNally and the Sunshine crossbar contrived an ingenious scheme to successfully stop Juventus from scoring the goal which would most certainly have settled this game.

Let's not leave another conspirator, Ged Bannon, out of this group of plotters who almost brought tears to the eyes of Juve coach Tony Boggi.

Juventus finished over the top of Sunshine in the last 15 minutes but for the last five minutes of the first half it was the black and whites who were set back on their heels.

Young John Mudrinic had time to pull down Norrie Pate's great back header in this period and tuck the ball away but Mudrinic opted to volley the ball first time and hammered it skyward.

Then big Steve Ellis found himself free, five metres out, with the simplest of headers to convert. Ellis seemed surprised at the ease of the chance, mistimed his header and sent the ball wide of the far post.

Yet the best chance of the first half fell to Ged Bannon who was sent through by Graham French. Inexplicably, rather than slot the ball past helpless Alan Contini, Bannon decided to play it wide to Fabio Incantulpo who was in an offside position.

Another superb French through ball sent incantulpo through later in the half but the young Soccerro slotted the ball over the bar from about 10 metres.

Worse was to follow for Incantulpo in the second half.

Good work down the left by French was capped by his fine far post cross. Ged Bannon's carefully weighted glancing header put Incantulpo in a great scoring position eight metres out. The Juve youngster chested down the ball then shot wide of the near post.

In the 75th minute Incantulpo again found the ball at his feet some eight metres from goal but this time Contini came off his line in a flash and smothered well.

So when did John McNally and the Sunshine crossbar decide to join forces with Juve's trail of missed chances?

In the 85th minute to be precise. Kevin Swincoe was clear on the left thanks to Frank Garamia who slid down and not only won back possession but pushed the ball forward to Swincoe.

The Juve midfielder curled over a fine far post cross. French timed his jump well and headed firmly but the ball cannonned back out to the penalty spot.

NEW SHINPADS

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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Michel Platini, the pride of France

By PAUL MOON

Bowles to W.A., Banovic stars

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Stan Bowles, with several England international caps to his name including appearances in the 1978 World Cup qualifying matches, will spend the summer playing for a club in West Australia and then return to his present side Brentford in time for the 1982-83 season.

Two of Poland's Under-21 side which recently was eliminated from the European Championships by England were up in court in London on shoplifting charges from one of the big stores. The players were Roman Geszleht, 20, and Wensley Fuhl, 21, who admitted to the offence but were conditionally discharged on payment of \$40 costs each. But they will still be dealt with by the authorities in Poland.

Yakka Banovic hit the headlines again when he brought off two remarkable last minute saves to earn relegation threatened Derby a point against promotion seeking Barnsley. And another former Australian player Craig Johnston has re-established himself back in the Liverpool side at a time when it has become a favourite to win the league championship for the 13th time.

Sign of the times. The mighty Everton have transfer listed 10 players, two thirds of its playing staff whose value is around \$4 million. They include first team regulars Peter Eastoe, top scorer last year, Trevor Ross, former Arsenal star, Alan Biley, who cost about \$700,000 from Derby County, and Mick Ferguson, a \$300,000 buy from Coventry City.

Wolves, with a \$1,200,000 overdraft and weekly losses of around \$40,000 have been told by the Football League they can't buy any new players until they have caught up with the HP payments on Joe Gallagher a \$800,000 buy from Birmingham and Alan Birch, also bought on the never-never for \$400,000 from Chesterfield. Wolves still owe considerable payments for both. In another economy measure, Wolves have sacked their entire scouting staff with manager Ian Graeveney saying it's no use scouting for players if you can't buy them.

An A.C. Milan supporter recently wrote to the club president pleading for a win. The reason? He revealed: "Bad results have completely ruined my sex life."

Donald Urquhart, midfielder with Scottish First Division club Raith Rovers, gets a testimonial soon after 12 years' service. Swansea City will provide the opposition but the added attraction of Raith supporter Jocky Wilson, the world's darts champion, playing for former world champion John Lowe, has already guaranteed a sell-out at the ground.

Bobby Flavell, one of Scotland's top strikers over 30 years ago is presently holidaying in Melbourne and staying with his son Gordon at Preston Makedonia. Bobby played many years for Aldrie, had a spell as a guest player with Arsenal and finished his career with Dundee. But sandwiched in

It is one of international soccer's more remarkable ironies that France, which has produced some of the game's most accomplished and visionary administrators, can boast few successes on the pitch.

A French club has yet to win a major European trophy, while the national team's solitary World Cup achievement of note — a third place in 1958 — was gained largely through the efforts of Moroccan Juste Fontaine and Raymond Kopa, who is of Polish parentage.

For the first time since those balmy days of more than two decades ago, the Gauls can look forward to the World Cup with justified confidence.

Much of this optimism can be attributed to the glittering talents of attacking midfielder Michel Platini, who (whisper it quietly in Paris) is of Italian stock, his grandfather being a native of Milan.

The St Etienne star long has been the kingpin of domestic soccer and now appears poised to make a substantial impression on the world stage.

Father, Aldo Platini, has been the major influence in his career. Coach of an amateur team in the small town of Jœuf, where Michael was born, he guided and groomed the raw, young talent with dedicated care.

Eventually, Aldo decreed that his protégé was ready to be introduced into senior soccer and presented Michel to the nearest professional club, Metz.

He impressed during the trial game and only had to pass a fitness test before being offered terms. Asked to blow up a plastic bag three times, he inflated it twice, but on the third attempt passed out.

Consequently Metz turned him down. How it must regret that decision now.

It was not long before Platini had further opportunities to join the professional ranks. In fact, most of France's leading clubs were sending their scouts Jœuf bound to look at the promising youth.

The representative sent by Metz had been a teammate of Aldo Platini during his playing days. This was a

major factor in deciding Michel Platini's future.

Not only did Michel join the Lorraine club's playing staff, but his father also went on the payroll as coach of the junior side.

The young recruit still had an apprenticeship to serve and spent a year in the reserves before making his first team debut in May, 1973.

Exactly four months later he gained the first of many international honors, appearing for the French youth team against Rumania.

The road to the top was to produce a few more jolts though. Nancy was a struggling team and Platini's development was hindered as a result.

At the end of the 1973-74 season Nancy was relegated to Division Two, but what could have been a major setback turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

In the comparative tranquility of Division Two, Platini's skills and confidence were allowed to develop. Nancy romped straight back into the premier grade, with its mid-fielder scoring 17 goals in the process.

Back in First Division, Platini claimed 22 goals from 31 games for his club. He already had represented France at youth, Under-21, Olympic and military level. A call-up to senior selection was merely a natural progression.

Czechoslovakia in March, 1976. The game was drawn 2-2 and Platini scored one of his, now notorious, swerving free kicks from outside the penalty area.

It is interesting to note that only 19,000 watched this game against a team which became European Champion just three months later. Over half the attendance consisted of school children admitted free.

Five and a half years later the French federation sold 50,000 tickets for the vital World Cup game against Holland, and could have sold five times that number had there been sufficient room.



Michel Platini of St Etienne

Such has been the increased interest in the French team, Platini has been a major factor in that revival.

Platini's eligibility to compete in the Montreal Olympics was contentious, but he was there along with his fellow "shameless" to fight out the soccer title.

France reached the quarter-finals before exiting ignominiously, 4-0 at the hands of eventual winners East Germany. The Nancy mid-fielder scored three times in four outings.

Platini now was one of the first names French manager Michel Hidalgo placed on his team sheet.

The 1978 World Cup qualifiers enhanced Platini's already considerable reputa-

tion. His three goals were sufficient to pip Bulgaria and Eire for a berth in Argentina. France's first appearance in the finals since 1966.

France won many friends during the tournament, but the draw was too tough. The Gauls fought gallantly, and unluckily, against host Argentina and the in-form Italy, before succumbing in both games.

At least it had the consolation of beating Hungary in its last game, and returned to Paris with its head held high.

The France of 1978 will be remembered for the quality of its football and entertainment value. Obviously the potential was there for

greater things, a potential which may be realised in Spain.

Nancy though, had little to offer but continued mediocrity, and after seven years' loyal service, Platini realised that he would have to move if his career was to develop.

There was no shortage of clubs willing to move in and acquire his talents, among them Real Madrid, Paris St Germaine, Arsenal (endeavouring to replace Liam Brady), Internazionale Milan and Valencia.

Nancy, not surprisingly, was unwilling to lose its only star player. It delayed and frustrated enquirers until Platini's contract lapsed and he became a free agent.

St Etienne, nine times French Champion, produced the best offer, which guaranteed him \$32,000 per year. Platini accepted and Nancy had to be content with a meagre \$100,000 compensation.

The Saints' subsequent league championship success, their first in six years, fully justified the investment.

Back on the World Cup trail, Platini blasted five goals as France emerged, with Belgium, from the most competitive of European groups.

Third in the 1980 European Footballer of the Year poll and placed fourth 12 months later, the 26 year old's true position among the world's best only can be adequately assessed after the Mundial.

Few teams in Spain will be as dependent upon one player as France. For, if Platini sparks, so does his team.

Elegant control and pinpoint passing, yet it still is his free kick ability which creates most fear throughout the footballing world.

He is one of the game's foremost exploiters of dead ball situations just outside the box, an art perfected by countless thousands of hours practice, bending his banana kick around a line of dummies.

Platini predicts that France will reach the semi-finals in Spain. With a little luck, it might just do that — but only if its captain produces peak form.

Bayern v Villa, Gothenburg v Hamburg, Barcelona v Liege

Bayern Munich of West Germany and English soccer champion Aston Villa qualified for the 27th European Cup final in contrasting fashion last week.

Bayern, which was chasing the trophy for the fourth time in Rotterdam on May 26, crushed Bulgarian giant-killer CSKA Sofia 4-0 in

Munich to go through on a 7-4 aggregate.

World Cup stars Paul Breitner and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the European Footballer of the Year, each scored two goals.

Villa, defending a slender 1-0 advantage, put the facetious defence in Brussels, but a goalless draw was enough to guarantee it a place in the final in its first European Cup campaign.

Sadly for Villa, its fans were involved in a nasty incident midway through the first half when fighting

broke out behind the English goal.

Several spectators were carried off on stretchers before a cordon of baton-wielding police put an end to the pitched battle and separated rival supporters. A number of Villa supporters were detained for unruly behaviour when they arrived in Ostend by ferry.

Barcelona became a hot favourite to lift the Cup-Winners Cup, which they played in its Nou Camp Stadium on May 12, when a 1-0 victory over England's Tot-

tenham took it through on a 2-1 aggregate.

Denmark's former European Footballer of the Year Allan Simonsen, scored the all-important goal in the 46th minute.

Barcelona's opponent in the final will be Standard Liege of Belgium, which beat cup-holder, Dynamo Tbilisi of the Soviet Union 1-0 — a repeat of the result Barcelona achieved away from home in the first leg.

Jos Daerden, who scored in Tbilisi, again was Standard's marksman.

The two-leg UEFA Cup final will be between unfancied Gothenburg of Sweden and West Germany's Hamburg.

The Swedes despatched Kaiserslautern of West Germany 2-1 after extra time to qualify 3-2 on aggregate, having previously beaten Valencia of Spain and Romania's Dynamo Bucharest.

Hamburg, trailing Yugoslav visitor Radnicki 2-1 from the first leg, made no

mistake with a resounding 5-1 triumph on home soil.

European Cup Anderlecht (Belgium) 0 Aston Villa (England) 0 Aston Villa qualify 1-0 on aggregate.

Bayern Munich (West Germany) 4 CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 Bayern qualify 7-4 on aggregate. Final at Rotterdam on May 26.

Cup-Winners Cup Standard Liege (Belgium) 1 Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR) 0. Standard qualify 2-0.

Barcelona (Spain) 1 Tottenham Hotspur (England) 0. Barcelona qualify 2-1 on aggregate. Final at Barcelona on May 12.

UEFA Cup IFT Gothenburg (Sweden) 2 Kaiserslautern (West Germany) 1 (after extra time). Gothenburg qualify 3-2.

SV Hamburg (West Germany) 5 Radnicki NIS (Yugoslavia) 1. Hamburg qualify 6-3 on aggregate. Final on home and away basis on May 5 and 19.

Rudi too rich for Cameroon

Rudi Gutendorf will not be going to Spain via the back door after all.

Gutendorf has been favorite to take Cameroon to the World Cup finals since November of last year, when it became obvious that the days of Yugoslav coach Branko Zetic, who steered them through the qualifying rounds, were numbered.

Officials from the Cameroon federation made their initial approach shortly after the former Soccerroo supreme had guided

Tanzania to a creditable second place in the East and Central Africa Cup.

However the fee Gutendorf sought for his services was considered too high, but the two parties continued to negotiate.

In the meantime, delegates were sent from Yaounde hoping to hook a top-line European coach. Ladislav Kubala, Kees Rijvers and Gigi Radice all turned the position down and it appeared that there was no alternative left but to call in the globe-trotting German.

At the eleventh hour though, Jean Vin-

cent, coach of French First Division club Nantes, stepped into the breach and he will be in charge of the African team when they start their Mundial campaign in Cuvana.

Former French international Vincent, a left winger with Reims during his heyday in the late 1950's, has led Nantes to all available domestic honors.

Vincent's Cameroon contract runs for just three months, during which he will retain his position at Nantes.

— PAUL MOON

Robbie joins Bobby



Proud dad Bobby McLachlan with son Robbie, a proud State representative back in 1976.

Coach Bobby McLachlan has brought his 18-year-old son Robbie to Ajax.

Robbie, a midfielder who played with the Australian Sports Institute in Canberra last year, was not tied to any club.

Before moving to Canberra he was a South Melbourne Hellas junior. He is in the Victorian youth team and in the 40-man national youth squad chosen by Jim Shoulder after last year's national youth titles.

Robbie was in the senior squad for Ajax's State League match against Crofton last Sunday.

He represented Victoria in all junior age groups from under 12s and played for the Australian under 16 against Malaysia in Perth in 1979.

The ups and downs of Frank Liddell

Few players can be more aware of soccer's vagaries than Brisbane City's Frank Liddell, who experienced either promotion or relegation in each of his six full seasons in the Scottish League!

Liddell joined Second Division Alloa from juniors Dunipace late in the 1975-76 campaign, during which he was restricted to just a couple of appearances as substitute for a side which narrowly failed to gain elevation to the higher grade.

Alloa made no mistake the following year however, finishing runner-up to Stirling Albion, with Liddell now installed as the cornerstone of the defence.

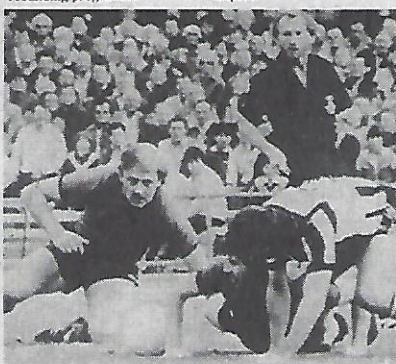
"The Wasps" were to stay in Division One only for the minimum period but their centre half did not go down with them. Instead he was the subject of a close season transfer which took him to Premier League club Heart of Midlothian. Once again he found himself playing for a struggling side.

Hearts were relegated but bounced back immediately. It was Liddell's late winner against Airdrieonians in the last game that decided which of the two teams would finish as First Division champion.

By PAUL MOON

Unfortunately the Edinburgh side was no better equipped to face the elite of Caledonian soccer than it had been two years earlier and suffered a miserable 1980-81 term, finishing rock bottom.

Englishman Tony Ford took over the helm at Tynecastle Park in June of last year and embarked upon an extensive rebuilding programme.



Peter Ollerton (left) is down in a tangle against Adelaide City. Ollerton will coach kids in the May holidays.

With the Juniors, by FRED BROOKS

John Senior, the elected coach of the State U/13 team, broke his ankle in a freak accident while playing with his young children.

It seems this year that the State job in this position is jinxed.

First, Tom Newbiggin was elected to the position. When Alan Gentry resigned the U/14 position, Tom was elevated to the U/14's and John Senior was given the U/13 job.

With John in plaster for about 16 weeks he now has had to resign and the position has been given to Alan Alexander, currently the U/12 eastern Region coach.

Alan has a wealth of coaching experience at junior level and I am sure all will wish him well on his appointment.

To John, we wish him a speedy recovery and hope that his injury heals fully.

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Charles Cassidy, the junior president of Kew City, has started a very interesting experiment.

Coaches from the club will be attending Balwyn Primary School on Friday afternoons to teach students the techniques of the game.

The experiment will be run over 14 weeks with a two week break in the middle of the course.

Kew City also will be holding its Flyway Cup competition for invited U/12 sides.

In October Kew will host Forest Range, a South Australian club.

This year Kew has some very good junior coaches in Chris Petrov, Tony Brown and Charles Cassidy, who are all qualified under the National Coaching Scheme.

The club has also budgeted to send two U-16 and one U/15 teams on a coaching course later in the year.

On Friday, April 30, at the Juventus club rooms in Brunswick, the parents of our New Zealand bound U/15 squad will be holding a Dinner-Dance to raise funds for the trip.

Tickets are \$10 a single and anybody interested in attending can contact me on 467-6315.

Bill Fourkrotis, from the Lyndale Junior Soccer Club, is trying to organise a Basic Skills coaching course at his club.

Bill, a referee, has attended coaching courses and believes a basic skills course will be of value to the many parents who help out at the

Top players as coaches

Top players will act as coaches at the soccer camps run by Peter Ollerton (Macedonia) and John Kennedy (Knox City) during the May school holidays.

They are Alan Whittle, and Graham Fox of Macedonia, Uli Pfisterer, formerly of Juventus, now with Knox, and Harry McKinlay of George Cross.

"O and K" Soccer Camps will operate at Kingswood College, 351 Station Street, Box Hill, on Monday to Wednesday from May 10-12, and at Monbulk Soccer Ground, Moores Road, Monbulk, May 17-19.

Parents interested in sending their boys along should contact Peter Ollerton after hours on 723 1001 or John Kennedy on 890 0677.

O'Donnell at Bournemouth

Former Blacktown City, Western Suburbs and APIA midfielder Brian O'Donnell is attracting a lot of attention with Bournemouth in the English Fourth Division.

O'Donnell has been playing so well that Luton, Watford and Birmingham have been eyeing him with interest.

He will be back in Australia next month and is open to offers for guest appearances.

O'Donnell has 102 PSL appearances to his credit and was Blacktown's 1981 Player

TA NEA TON OMADON MΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΤΟ ΟΝΕΙΡΟ ΧΙΛΙΑΔΩΝ ΦΙΛΑΘΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΓΑ ΕΓΓΙΝΕ ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ

Έτσι τέλους ο 'Αλέξανδρος που τόσα χρόνια ταλαιπωρήθηκε κι έχοντας τό δικό του γήπεδο, βρήκε από την περασμένη Κυριακή τό δικό του στέκι στο 'Ολύμπι Βίλλιτζ' εκεί πλέον που είναι τό σπίτι-κό του.

Ήταν πλέον καιρός, και μάλιστα πέρασε άρκετός, γιά νά παρθεί μία τέτοια ιστορική απόφαση από τούς ανθρώπους τό Μέγα οι όποιοι ξεπερνώντας όλες τίς αντιξοότητες που συνάντησαν κατόρθωσαν στίς 25 του 'Απρίλη 1982 νά κάνουν τό όνειρο πραγματικότητα.

Τό ότι μέ τρομερά άσχημες καιρικές συνθήκες στην πρώτη κι 'όλας μέρα, κήπησαν 4.600 εισητήρια, είναι φανερό ότι οι άνθρωποι τό Μέγα πέτυχαν κατά τόν καλό τερο και πανγυριώτερο τρόπο. Παράλληλα οι φίλοι τό κιτρινωμάτουρω σωματείου έδειξαν τήν αγάπη τους αφού αγνόησαν τόν καιρό που πήγε κόντρα στά έγκαίνια και έδωσαν έντυπωσιακό τό παρόν και χάρηκαν τήν ομάδα τους που αγωνίσθηκε στο δικό της γήπεδο.

Φυσικά κάθε άρχη είναι και δύσκολη αλλά ακόμη και μέ τήν πρώτη μέρα οι άνθρωποι τό 'Αλέξανδρος ήταν απόλυτα οργανωμένοι κάτι που ή στήλη δέ θα έπρεπε νά τό παραλείπει και γι' αυτό τούς συγχαίρει.

Ή χαρά όμως ήταν διπλή, γιατί μαζί μέ τό καινούργιο γήπεδο που γλύτωσε τόν ΜΕ ΓΑ από τόν... καρκίνο τό 'Ολύμπι Πάρκ ήλθε και ή μεγάλη και πολύτιμη νίκη επί τίς θαυμάσιες Χανιά.

Δέν παίζει ρόλο άν ό 'Αλέξανδρος ήταν κατώτερος σέ απόδοση από τήν αντίπαλό του, σημασία έχει ή νίκη και τό ότι μέτρησαν δύο άκόμη βαθμοί στο ένεογνητικό τό συλλόγου καθώς και μία ακόμη νίκη γιά τόν πάντα έξιο τεχνικό κ. Λέν Μανέ-ντν ό όποιος απέδειξε ότι παραμένει ένας από τούς καλύτερους προπονητές τίς άστροαλίας, όσο και άν δέν μπορούν νά τό χωρέσουν μερικά.

Τό ότι έχει κατόρθώσει νά έχει τήν ομάδα τόν άνάμεσα στίς πρώτες και νά κάνει αυτή τήν στιγμή πρωταθλητισμό, χωρίς νά έχει αγοράσει ούτε έναν νέο παίκτη, νομίζουμε πως είναι δική του έπιτυχία και μόνο... ΜΗΡΑΒΟ ΤΟΥ!

ΧΑΙΕ ΤΟ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ 3 - 2

Μία ακόμη ήττα δέχθηκε τό Μορντιάλλοκ γιά τό πρωτάθλημα τίς Β' τό Μετροπόλι-ταν και απέδειχθηκε ότι ή ομάδα δέν ήταν άρκετά έτοιμη γιά νά αγωνίζεται σέ τόσο μεγάλη κατηγορία.

Ένώς έόρας έχασε από τό Μέλμπορν μέ 2-2 ενώ έως τό 55' είχαν μέ 3-0.

Στό λεπτό αυτό ό Πάπας μείωσε τό σκόρ και στό 60' ό 'Αναστασιόδης έφτιαξε τό 3-2 που ήταν και τό τελικό αποτέλεσμα. Στό 62' πήρε κόκκινη κάρτα ό Σερνάντι από τήν έλληνική ομάδα.

Ή διατίτση αόκνησε και τίς δύο ομάδες και ήταν πτωχή.

Εξχώρισαν οι Καραβασίλης, Τσιάτσιας και 'Αναστασιόδης.

Ήλπιζαν οι άρσθνικας, Καραβασίλης, Λαζόγ-κας, Σερνάντι, Τσιάτσιας (Αάμπου) Σορροβί-λης, Πάπας, 'Αρθουρ, Ραίη, Αναστασιόδης και 'Αντωνίου.

Ή Β' ομάδα έχασε μέ 5-0.

ΝΙΚΗΣ ΤΟ ΟΚΛΗ

Μέ γκολ που πέτυχε ό Νταντάλιας τό πρω-τόποδο 'Ουελ στην Δ' κατηγορία τό Μετρο-πόλιταν νίκησε τό Μουράμπιν Σίτυ 1-0.

ΠΑΝΕΡΠΑΤΟΣ

Μία ακόμη νίκη πήρε ό Πανσερραϊκός γιά

τό πρωτάθλημα τίς Γ' τό Προβίζιοναλ επί τό Χάμπτον μέ 2-1 και μέ σκόρερ τούς Μακρή και Μηνά.

Ή σύνθεση: Π. Κεχαγιάς, Β. Βαθάς, Θ. Κεχα-γιάς, Γ. Μητρούσης, Γ. Καθάς, Χρ. Μητρούσης, (Τσιουτσιουρας) Τσετίνης, Πέρτσονγλου, Τσι-σίδης, Δημητράκης (Μηνάς) και Μακρής.

ΝΕΟΣ ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ 4-1

ΘΥΜΑ ΤΟ ΜΠΟΥΛΗΝ

Περφόνη ή Δόξα Γιάρραβιλ και χωρίς τόν Τίμ Παπαχριστοδούλου που δέν αγωνίσθηκε λόγω πένους και τόν Τερζάκη που άπεχό-ρησε στό 42' τραυματισμένος, ή ΔΟΞΑ Γιάρ-ραβιλ πήρε μία ακόμη νίκη γιά τό πρωτάθ-λημα τίς Β' κατηγορίας τό Προβίζιοναλ μέ 4-1 επί τό Μπουλν ήν απέδειξε ότι είναι ή καλύτερη ομάδα στην κατηγορία και δίκαια είναι πρωτοπόρος στέν βαθμο-λογικό πίνακα.

Τό Μπουλν μέσα στό γήπεδο τό Γιάρρα-βιλ άντεξε 27' μόνοις λεπτά. 'Από εκεί και μετά χάθηκε μπουστά στην όρμη και τό πείσμα τών κυανολεύκων οι όποιοι ά-νοίζουν τό σκόρ στό 28' μέ δυνατό πλάγιο σουτ τό καλύτερο παίκτη τόν άγώνα Α. Νικολαΐδη.

Στό επόμενο λεπτό (29') και μετά σέντρα τό Χότα ό Πετρίδης μέ μονοκόματο σουτ έφτιαξε τό 2-0.

Στό 52' ό Μορκάκης που μύηκε στην έσση τόν Τερζάκη μέ έξυπνο πλάσ έκανε τό 3-0 και στό 65' ό Νίκος Μελέτης αφού μο-νοιάχησε μέ δύο αντιπάλους του και τόν τερματοφύλακα πέτυχε τό 4-0.

Τό Μπουλν μείωσε τό σκόρ μέ τήν βοήθεια τόν άνέμου στό 78'.

'Από τήν έλληνική ομάδα δέν ύστέρησε κα- νένας άλλός εκτός από τόν Νικολαΐδη και ή απόδοση είχαν οι Μ. Μελέτης, Πετρίδης και ό Έόχρονος Μαρκάκης.

Ήλπιζαν οι Ν. Αποστολίδης (κάπταιν), Τζαμ-πάκης, Ντ. Αποστολίδης, Τερζάκης (46' Μαρκά-κης) Τ. Αμνατιλίδης (74' Σ. Αμνατιλίδης) Δημη-τρίου, Καλλιπολίτης, Α. Νικολαΐδης, Χότας, Ν. Μελέτης και Πετρίδης. 'Η καιτσηία τού κ. WATFER BILLO πολύ καλή βαθμοί 8.

ΜΕΤΑΑΝ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ 5 - 0

Ήν πιο μεγάλη του νίκη στό πρωτάθλημα πήρε τό Μάλβερν 5-0 επί τό αντιπαθλητι-κόυ Ρουέστ Μέλμπορν.

Ή ομάδα τό Νίκου Νίκογλου ήταν άνώτε-ρη σέ όλο τό διάστημα τίς συναντήσης. Μέχρι τό 65' είχε προηγηθεί μέ 2-0 αλλά στην συνέχεια απέβλήσαν οι Τσώμος και Πετρίδης γιά νά μείνει τό Μάλβερν μέ 9 παίκτης.

'Αουδέχια όμως ήταν γιά τήν έλληνική μας ομάδα που πέτυχε τρία ακόμη τέρματα δημιουργοί τό 5-0 ήταν οι Λιχοόδης 2, Γεωργιάδης, Παπαδόπουλος και Λιδάιος.

Ήλπιζαν οι Μακέν, Παπαδόπουλος, Παλαμ-βρας, Λιακόδης (75' Βλάχος), Σκαμάγκας (46' Λιδάιος) Σκαμάτζης, Ρομπος, Τσώμος, Πετρί-δης, Γεωργιάδης και Λιχοόδης.

Ή Β' ομάδα νίκησε μέ 11-1 (Αρζάνας 3, Μουρίδης 3, Μπάρεν 2, Γεωργίου 2 και Βαρ-σος.

ΝΙΚΗΣ Ο ΜΕΤΑΣ Β'

Μέ σκόρερ: τόν περίφημο 'Αβιαν και τόν 'Αντίστοκα, ό Μέγας Β' νίκησε τήν Πρέστον μέ 2-1 γιά τό πρωτάθλημα τίς Β' κατηγο-ρίας τό Μετροπόλιταν.

Καλύτεροι παίκτης ήταν οι 'Αβιαν, 'Αμα-νατίδης, 'Ατζελλο και ό καινούργιος Πολυ-νός παίκτης Νιρέν.

Ή Β' ομάδα έφερε Ισοπαλία 1-1. Τό γκολ πέτυχε ό Κουρουμάτης.

Εξχώρισαν ό σκόρερ και οι Μεταξάς, Πον-τίκις,

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